

## Yemen Overprint May Be Rarity

### DDR Animal Set Is Bell Ringer

Extremely simple designs were chosen by the German East Zone Postal Administration for a set of three Human Rights commems. They were issued on December 10.

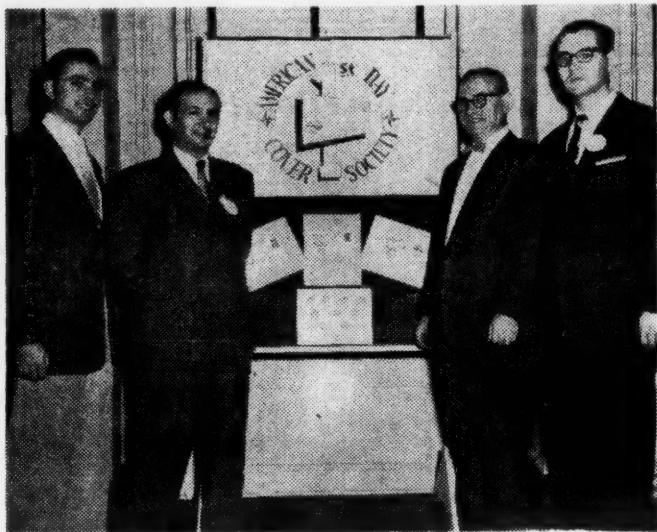


The paper of each stamp has an overall pastel colored coating which is a watered-down tone of the one used to print the design. Printing was by offset at the firm of Graphikern Bengs & Skribelka on paper watermarked DDR. One million each of the two high denominations were produced while the 5pf came less than that.

The 5pf green shows a Chinese girl; 10pf maroon, Negro mother and child; 25pf blue, an European man.



What will probably be considered the most attractive "Animal Kingdom" set in months was also issued



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by the German East Zone on December 14. These are to bring publicity to the Berlin Zoo. The art work is by Axel Bengs of Berlin.

On each the animal or bird is in a gray while the other color and denomination are — 5pf dark gray, Elephants; 10pf dark green, Flamingos; 15pf dark red violet, Rhinoceros; 20pf dark red, Goats; 25pf dark brown, American Bison; 30pf dark blue, Polar Bear.

### LOOK Magazine Has Philatelic Tribute

The January 22 edition of LOOK Magazine, on the newsstands January 8, had a nice boost for philately. It came in the form of an article by Ernest A. Kehr, lavishly illustrated with stamps and action photographs. Mr. Kehr is the stamp editor of the New York Herald-Tribune, and author of several books on philately.

Theme of the LOOK article is Stories Stamps Tell. Photographs are coupled with pertinent stamps to show propaganda uses, tragedies, accomplishments and historical moments of nations.

A few of the pictures could be clipped directly from the magazine and added at once to the section of the stamp album devoted to the particular country or subject.

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## Shortage Of 4 Bogash Value Brings On Three Overprints, Peculiar Use Of Higher Value

Bruce Conde

In earlier Linn's articles the writer hinted that a stamp shortage in Yemen would bring about new philatelic wrinkles in the near future. Well, the stop-gap measures adopted by the Post Office to meet the lack of 4 bogash stamps to provide first-class inland letter frankage really turned those hints into masterpieces of understatement!

Upon my arrival here on 4 November (instead of 27 October, as originally scheduled, due mainly to the increasingly tense Middle Eastern situation which finally erupted into the Sinai-Suez war) the following condition of near-chaos prevailed in the Yemen Post Office:

All significant stocks of "overprintable" lower values as well as all stocks of 4 bogash definitives had been exhausted by the first week of October.

Scott's "Type b" four-bogash provisional (handstamp) overprint slug finally collapsed from overuse and neglect and had to be discarded. Its final impressions, on huge quantities of Scott's #68—the 1 bogshah of the first Italian-printed set of 1951 had degenerated into a reprehensible blob or smear, slightly rectangular in shape. This could be duplicated without the slightest difficulty by any schoolboy possessing a piece of cork, a pen-knife and a bottle of ink. It had the defective lettering of French on top of Arabic, which had rendered the set objectionable to the Imam and prevented its regular issue as a definitive set.

When "Type b" had been devised, in 1949, the Post Office Department was still in the process of transferring the General Post Office from Sana'a to Taiz, and the Sana'a Postmaster General's authority to thus replace the dilapidated (1939) "Type a" was not questioned. For the next seven years "Type b" shuffled back and forth between Sana'a and Taiz to everyone's satisfaction. Periodic shortages of 4 bogash definitives were met by slapping the handstamp on unwanted stocks of obsolete low values, sometimes to the tune of cleverly manipulated accounting, or lack of accounting for certain denominations of basic stamps which had previously been issued to postmasters at their lower definitive face.

At the time of "Type b's" col-

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### Saar Now German; Stamps Changed

On January 1 the political control of the Saar went from France to West Germany. This was accomplished through conferences between the respective governments following the indication by secret voting on the part of the population that it preferred union to Germany.

Since World War II stamps of the Saar have been under the control of the French Postal Administration. Such stamps will still be valid for the prepayment of postage fees for some months to come after which only German stamps will be legal.

Germany had a new definitive issue ready in Saar post offices for sale January 1. In all there will be 21 values ranging from 1 to 300 francs and picture President Heuss of the West German Republic in their designs. In the designs is an additional word to the "Deutsches Bundespost"—"Saarland".

Joachim Dill, a.d. frank. Saale, Martin Luther Str. 28, (13a) had Neustadt, Germany who sent the above information further advises that a commemorative noting Saar's reunion with Germany was also released January 1. It is a 15fr in red and blue with the Saar coat of arms.

For this same historical event the West German POD issued a commm on January 2 which also pictured the Saar Arms but in green and brown, and with a value of 10pf.



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GEORGE W. LINN

## It Is Not An O'Henry Story.

We get some most unusual letters and one of them came with an order for one of the above packets. It is so good I am going to quote from it.

"While I am at this I have a question about the front page article by Mr. Raymond Weill in your issue of Dec. 24 Is he serious or is this one of these Creole Coffee pipe dreams?"

"I fully expected the 'O' Henry' punch line all the way through this story and it never showed up. I am still at a loss as to whether this is one of the best advertisements I have ever read or is it a joke?"

"It is really not important to me one way or the other and regardless, it makes for good reading, however if it is true I am thinking seriously of disposing of my meagre holdings and specializing in plate blocks of S & H Green Trading Stamps."

"If you will note, the picture does not seem quite 'Kosher', it looks more like a picture of the late Oliver Hardy with a Hitler hair cut than my idea of a 75 year old French billionaire, but being a very poor judge of this type of person I could be way off base, which would not be unusual."

"If you care to comment on this matter in some future article, I for one will be most interested."

The above is from Jack Whitehurst of the Dallas Morning News, Dallas, Texas. It is therefore evident that all Texans are not oil millionaires, yet we think most Texans would have heard many other stories as fabulous as this one seems, at least we have, even here in Florida where many fabulous things happen.

Speaking of plate numbers on S & H Green Trading Stamps. My daughter Hazel from Dayton, Ohio is here visiting with us over the Holidays and she happens to be associated with the S & H Co. in Dayton, Ohio. She tells me that full sheets of these S & H Stamps have marginal markings of some sort so maybe Jack has an idea there.

## The British Agree With Us

The November 2 issue of "Stamp Collecting" one of the leading British Philatelic Journals comments on a matter of universal interest. Here it is.

"There has been some correspondence and comment in a trade contemporary recently regarding expert certificates and the suggestion has been made that the onus is upon the buyer to prove that a stamp offered is not what it appears to be, and the auctioneers are cited as an example of a section of the trade that make the collectors do the work. It must be remembered that auctioneers are, generally speaking, acting as agents for the sale of other people's material and are not selling their own property; but in many cases stamps offered in auction catalogues are described as having certificates. The dealer, because of his experience and because stamps are his living, is assumed, nay expected, to have a superior knowledge to most collectors and, in fact, many collectors go to him for advice. It is his responsibility, therefore, to see that everything that he sells is accurately described and to guarantee everything that he sells. If a collector, before parting with good money, requires proof that a stamp or cover is genuine, it is up to the dealer to provide that proof, if he wants to make a sale. After all, sellers of the arts, books, coins, manuscripts and other collectors' items go to considerable trouble to provide pedigrees for their goods, so why shouldn't stamp dealers?"

We heartily concur in the opinion expressed in the above quotation. Had the stamp dealers of America, both members and non-members of the ASDA, followed the above pattern in past years millions of make believe stamps of Free South Moluccas and many other make believe countries would not have flooded the American market, and milked thousands of dollars from the young and coming stamp collectors of these United States.

On the other hand, unfortunately, there will perhaps never be a situation whereby the collector can depend on the dealer to the extent as suggested. The only possible way in which such a thing could come to pass would be through an organization of dealers which would only accept for membership such dealers as could qualify.

## SMILEATELICS . . . Bob Rieker



"You . . . heh, heh . . . know how it is, officer, when it's late at night and you can't find a stamp to mail a letter!"

## VOX POP

YALE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF THE FINE ARTS  
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Dear Mr. Rueth:

The Polio stamp to be issued on 15 January 1957 strikes a new low in design and appropriateness. Mr. George Patterson of the Paterson Evening News is patently correct in stating that "the only thing to do is to chuck it and substitute a more fitting design."

Let me illustrate: as Mr. Patterson says, polio as a dreadful malady is not yet licked, but the slogan on the stamp indicates that the fight has been won, in the use of the past tense. Here is confusion that could militate against the measures that we do have to cut down the instance of the disease.

Now as to the "design" or appearance of the stamp in toto. The arrangement of the group is in the time honored pyramidal system, however, lacking the countering lines or motives that complete the proper filling of the space. It is an uninspired, shopworn version of a great and useful form of composition, as performed by one unpractised and uninformed in the structure of a design that adequately and satisfactorily fills a given shape, in this case a rectangle 0.84 by 1.44 inches in size.

Let us look at the Symbolism used. Though the U.S. Medical Corps uses the entwined serpents a winged post as its insignia, strictly speaking this is not the universally known symbol of the medical profession. The device here used is more truly that of Mercury the messenger of the Gods in Ancient times. The proper symbol of the doctors is a single serpent entwined about a staff or stick and that is all. The rest of the "Allegory" in this stamp is antideluvian, such mish mash as was put to daily use by the mural painters of United States and countries overseas fifty and more years ago.

The figure of the woman is an ill-drawn, consumptive sort of ex-movie queen type, dressed in what purports to be Greek or Roman goddess clothing, ill-fitting withal. A fond parent would scarce entrust a loved one of tender years to her for long.

The little boy with the young man's face, and the girl, seem to have contemporary clothing slung on what is intended to be a pair of healthy little bodies, but which on the contrary, outrage all precepts of sound constructive figure draftsmanship.

The cape and the shield are strictly from the clasp in the mural painter's closet, here not even dusted off nor shined up to look like new.

Of the rendering of what there is of design with the lettering, the less said the better. The Gothic letters and the number, obviously the most essential part of any stamp design, should have indicated to

the creator of this postal atrocity the style in which his group of figures with accessories should have been drawn.

Instead of the clean, sharp simple lines of the letters and the numeral, we have fuzzy hesitation, glossing over of difficult passages, cloudy rendering, ill designed and clumsy drapery, twisted, broken and distorted limbs. There is no whole here, just a collection of parts from the artists' scrap heap.

These stamps, 120,000,000 of them will leave our homes and indeed, our shores, to represent us, a great people, beyond the seas and throughout the world. Britain, Iceland, Israel, Switzerland, and yes the United Nations here in our own New York, win the admiration of all lovers of handsome and dignified postal issues. It is not that we do not have the designers here, for we do.

Respectfully the undersigned submits to the U.S. Postal authority that it take note of these things and that they cause to be issued by our government stamps which record our history, aspirations, and conspicuous individuals in designs commensurate with our great role in the world today.

Deane Keller  
Professor of Drawing and Painting

## Hotchkiss President At Memphis, Tenn.

Dr. Hubert Hotchkiss is the new president of the Memphis, Tenn. Stamp Collectors Society. Other officers are vice president Jack Holmes; treasurer Mrs. C.M. Austin; secretary Warren P. Ware, 1862 Foster, Memphis, Tenn.

Meetings are always open to visitors and are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the Memphis Museum.

## 1957 STAMP PROGRAM

Jan. 11 — 3c Alexander Hamilton, New York, N. Y. (50 per pane 120 million)

Jan. 15 — 3c Polio Pioneers, Washington, D. C. (50 per pane, 120 million)

Feb. 23 — 3c Architects, New York City (no further details).

Coast & Geodetic Survey (details not announced)

Oklahoma Statehood (details not announced)

School Teachers (details not announced)

Wildlife Conservation (details not announced)

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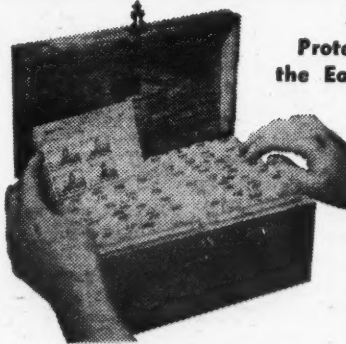
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125	#22 1c IIIa G CT	20.00
126	#23 1c IV fair	27.50
127	#25 3c G OG NH	25.00
128	#28 5c I G RB	12.50
129	#28 5c I G RB can B perf. cut	17.50
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132	#36 12c G CTL	10.00
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187	#100 30c fair Spacefiller	82.50
188	#101 90c F fresh Clear grill	82.50
189	#101 90c faint gr min def looks F	82.50
190	#112 1c F OG	13.50
191	#112 1c G perfs cut in T	8.50
192	#113 2c VG fresh	7.50
193	#113-5 three Spacefillers	11.15
194	#116 10c VG OG	27.50
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200	#121 30c VG	25.00
201	#122 90c VG but heavy can	92.50
202	#124 2c F margins tiny closed tr	17.50
203	#126 6c F fresh CT	40.00
204	#133 1c F but min def	8.00
205	#133 1c G	8.00
206	#134-5 1c G CB 2c G CLB	7.00
207	#137 6c VG	18.50
208	#138 7c VG	17.50
209	#138 7c G 1 perf pulled	17.50
210	#139 10c fine mrgns heavy can	37.50
211	#141 15c fair	40.00
212	#144 90c slit mutilated was F	52.50
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231	#161 10c G fresh	12.50
232	#162 12c VG	4.50
233	#162 12c F	4.50
234	#165 30c F	4.00
235	#165 30c VG	4.00
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251	#216 5c F horiz/strip/3 SE at L	13.00
252	#217 30c VG OG	11.00
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254	#217 30c F fancy K cancel	6.50+
255	#218 90c F fresh	18.50
256	#218 90c F	15.00
257	#226 10c F but poor gum	3.25
258	#227-8 both VG	3.50
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Comments here a week or so ago on the matter of a dealer not being able to accept orders for 50c and still stay in business has brought some collector reactions. One letter-writer goes on to state that if it weren't for the 50c and dollar orders, sent that amount to a goodly total counted together, a large number of our dealers wouldn't be around.

Just the opposite, of course, is true. If they don't make money, and they can't on such sums, then they'd be crazy to stay in business and lose money. Since dealers are no crazier than collectors, and I have found few on either side of the fence who are, then its only practical common sense that if you want a philatelic retail trade around to serve your needs you are going to have to make it profitable for them to stay in business.

If not then they get out and take a job in an office or factory or somewhere else.

I thought I had pointed all this out in a reasonable and simple manner in the previous lines on the subject, but apparently we have with us people who only believe what they want to believe.

Some time ago another dealer-collector matter was discussed. I get complaints about a collector sending payment and an order to a dealer for material which is advertised in our paper. Then they have to wait weeks and weeks for the sending of the order; are told the items are all sold out; or that the price has gone up since the ad appeared in our columns.

I might qualify that by stating that they concern United Nations and Israel offers mostly.

Offers of other stamps don't seem to run into that kind of problem — supplies seem to be plentiful and prices stable.

However, UN and Israel, together with Vatican are fabulous and have been for the past six months. Another corner into this continuously advancing price spiral is Ryukyu Islands.

We here at Linn's are in a wonderful position to see what actually is going on. We have many, many letters on file here from dealers who report amazing, and I'm not using the word loosely, response to their ads. You might read Mr. Linn's editorial this week on what happened in regard to his recent offer, for an example.

A dealer can sell almost any quantity of UN and Israel he can latch on to. He can't get much of it because there are no great stocks of either, and that which he acquires is from wholesale sources. They charge him more for replacement items than what he advertised them for at retail in Linn's! Comes the question should he hold what he has for even greater price rises and profits, or sell? Some dealers conscientiously fill orders at their advertised prices until their stock is exhausted. Others renege. In any event, the law is on the side of the merchant since there is no implied guarantee that he is going to sell at the advertised price, or that he is even bound to accept the order.

Now if you run across this situation you are entitled to a prompt refund of your money without being forced to take other items you did not order. Where you do not get the refund, the order, or reply to your inquiry in a reasonably prompt manner, then its time to put such an organization out of business. You can do that by never buying anything from them again.

There are too many Grade A dealers in business who sell at advertised prices, deliver promptly, and send quality material. Let's keep them in business — they're the kind the hobby needs.

1. The commem for the 75th anniversary of the completion of the first trans-continental railroad had what dates in its design?

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2. What is the date which appears prominently in the UN Conference commem? That's the 5-center.

The ballots are now beginning to roll in large batches with each mail. I'd like to tell you of some of the trends but that might influence you in your voting in the 9th Annual Design Derby. Your nominations are wanted strictly on an unbiased examination of the 1956 issues.

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## Another Maurice Burrus Bouquet

Ernest A. Kehr

I was delighted to read the Weill report of a visit with that extraordinary gentleman, Maurice Burrus, for I have long felt that he was too completely ignored in the United States. (I might say that it was unfortunate that the name of the late Alfred F. Lichtenstein was omitted from the Weill list of all-time greats.)

During the celebrated Centlux show in Luxembourg several years ago, it became necessary for me to make a special trip several dozen miles away. With the comparatively limited facilities in the Grand Duchy—"Tiny" would be a much better adjective—I simply couldn't find a taxi that was willing to go so far.

Without my knowing it, Mr. Burrus had overheard my conversation with the concierge, came over to me, and with his pleasant friendliness, assured me that he'd be happy to have his chauffeur drive me over and back. Despite protests, he insisted that I go. I did, and because of it was able to return in time for an afternoon meeting of the international jury on which I was serving.

Another demonstrated his humility. We were in Utrecht, the Netherlands for ITEP. The night before I'd been knighted by Queen Juliana, where I met His Royal Highness, Prince Bernhard. The next morning the Prince arrived for the official "first inspection" of the wonderful show and was honored by being asked to join the small committee of guides.

Coming to the Court of Honor, the royal patron was impressed with some of the extraordinary treasures on display and was more

than a little awed by the famous Mauritius cover which Weill mentioned. At just that moment, I spotted Mr. Burrus, modestly standing perhaps fifty yards away. When I mentioned to Prince Bernhard that the cover's owner was in the hall he said he'd like very much to meet him. I went to Mr. Burrus and told him of the request.

"But I have no right to take up any of His Royal Highness' time," he demurred in a humility that was perfectly honest. I virtually had to lead him by the arm to make the presentation, for which many others would have willingly given their left arm.

The photograph I took of Prince Bernhard and Mr. Burrus, in front of his cover, is in his study at St. Croix au Mines, and as he told me several times since, his "most treasured possession."

In 1953, when the Herald Tribune Fresh Air Fund auction solicited stamps from famous collectors, Mr. Burrus, with typical generosity, donated superb mint specimens of the Cape of Good Hope's first issue. Needless to say, the prices at which they were sold did much to send several underprivileged city youngsters to summer camp that year.

I am glad that at last Mr. Burrus is being recognized for what he is: one of stampdom's all-time notables. In closing let me point out that while King George V has been often identified as the runner up of the British Guiana 1-cent magenta, it was in fact Mr. Burrus who was the under bidder. Indeed both he and Mr. Hind bid the same price.

It was only Mr. Burrus' friendly spirit that made it possible for Mr. Hind to acquire the unique rarity in Paris that time, when he magnanimously volunteered to withdraw his bid and let the Utica magnate take it at \$32,500.

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## A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Now that the pleasant distractions of the Holidays are over, most collectors are turning with renewed interest to their stamps. Philatelically speaking, one way of making 1957 a happy year might be to take a look at our General Foreign Approvals. Mint and used, singles and sets, these selections combine quality with reasonable pricing.

References appreciated.

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	Scott	Net
AUSTRIA * B156-64 (Cpt. 1937)	4.50	1.60
BELGIUM * 1-2 (1849 cpt. set)	9.50	3.75
* 5 (40c carmine rose, 1849)	18.50	3.00
* B123-4 (1932 Soldier Cpt.)	14.00	5.95
* Q1-6 (1870-82 Dues Cpt.)	8.45	2.00
BULGARIA * 1 (1879 3c bklyl)	9.00	2.00
CHINA-SINKIANG * C2	35.00	15.00
(Guarantee)	35.00	15.00
OFF. TIBET MU 2-7 (1911, scarce)	5.90	2.50
* 9 (12a on 50c yellow, gr.)	4.50	2.00
* 10 (1r on 41 red & rose)	9.00	4.00
* 11 (2r on 42 top value)	35.00	15.00
CONGO MU 41-44 (1909 cpt. set)	3.60	1.25
* 57 (5fr carmine & black)	5.00	1.50
* 59 (10fr top value, 1910)	4.00	1.40
* C7-18 (1934-6 Airs Cpt.)	5.75	1.35
CROATIA * B1-2 (Cpt with tabs)	6.00	2.25
DENMARK * 1 (1851 2rs blue)	50.00	12.50
* 3-6 (1854-7 complete sets)	19.10	4.50
* 5 (8s green, 1857)	17.50	5.75
* 7-8 (1858-62 complete set)	37.50	12.00
* 10 (16s violet-rouletted)	37.50	12.00
* 11-15 (1864-8 complete set)	53.00	12.00
* 12, 14-15 (3s, 8s, 16s 1864-8)	14.50	2.50
* 16 (Cormer Imperf-Reprint)	5.00	
* 17 (Cormer Imperf-Reprint)	5.00	
* 19-20 (8s & 16s 1871)	9.00	2.50
* 24 (48s top value-1870)	17.50	4.50
* 24 (Cormer Imperf-Reprint)	7.50	
* 79-81 (1912 complete set)	3.75	1.75
* 82 (5kr dark red, 1912 cpt.)	5.00	2.85
* 135 (5kr dark red, 1915)	5.00	2.85
* 136-7 (1915 ovpt. complete)	7.00	2.90
* 145-54 (2nd 1918 set, cpt.)	5.60	2.25
* 155 (Semi Guar. 1919 Faroe)	12.00	6.00
* 164-75 (Cpt. 1919 block form)	2.25	
* 185-91 (1926-7 ovpts, Cpt.)	4.70	1.75
* 246, 248 (with advertising tabs)	2.75	
* C1-5 (1925-9 Airs, Cpt. set)	19.00	7.00
* J23-4 (hi-value 1925 Dues)	4.75	1.75
* C1-3 (1871 ovpt. block form)	13.50	4.00
* C1 (16s green, Official)	13.50	4.00
EAST RUMELIA * 9 (1880, 10pt)	6.00	1.50
ESTONIA * C1-3 (1920-3 Cpt.)	5.75	2.00
FINLAND * 3 (1858, 5k blue)	70.00	12.00
* 4-5, 7-10 (1860-70 values)	12.00	2.50
* 8A (10p buff, 1870)	12.00	2.50
* 19 (8p yellow green, 1870)	12.50	3.00
* 23E (32p rose, 1875)	7.50	2.50
* 36 (5m green & rose, 1885)	30.00	6.00
* 44-5 (1889-90 top values)	6.50	2.00
* 74B (margin imp., 1 mark)	9.00	2.00
* B2-7 (2 cpt. Semi-post sets)	3.95	2.00
* B8 (1m plus 4m black, 1931)	5.00	2.00
FRANCE & COLONIES		
* 1 (1850 10c, Good)	12.50	2.00
* 2 (15c yellow green, good)	40.00	4.00
* 7 (40c orange, 1850, 2 good)	17.50	4.00
* 10 (10c bistre-Superb, 1852)	20.00	10.00
* 13 (5c green, 1854)	20.00	5.00
* 17 (25c blue-bluish 1853)	12.00	3.00
* 21 (1fr lake, 4 margins, VF)	85.00	17.50
* 21 (1fr lake, top val. good)	85.00	8.50
* 29-34 (1863-70 Good)	34.00	5.00
* 37 (5fr top value, 1869 VF)	27.50	15.00
* 37 (same as above, good)	27.50	2.75
* 38 (1c olive green, 1870)	3.50	1.00
* 38 (private perforated)	2.00	
* 40 (4c gray, 1870)	15.00	2.90
* 48 (80c rose, top value)	12.00	3.00
* 50-53 (1872 vals. VG-VF)	12.75	3.00
* 54 (10c bistre-yellowish)	15.00	4.00
* 57-8 (20c, 25c blues, 1870-1)	8.50	2.75
* 79 (10c green, type 2, good)	39.00	8.50
* 84 (1fr bronze green, 1877)	2.50	
* 89 (3c yellow, straw, 1878)	5.00	1.50
* 93 (25c red, 1878)	20.00	6.00
* 94 (35c yellow, 1878 G)	12.50	2.50
* 96A (red lilac, 5fr, 1876)	17.50	4.50
* 97 (quitter block of 4, 30c)	2.50	
* 99 (25c yellow, 1879)	8.00	2.50
* 102 (75c deep violet, 1890)	5.00	1.50
* 113 (Frank perf., corner piece)	2.00	
* 126 (2fr gray violet, 1900)	25.00	7.50
* 133-37 (1892 complete set)	8.55	2.75
* J2-4, 6 (1859-71 dues)	4.85	1.35
* J21 (50c black, 1862 Due)	10.00	2.50
* J23 (1fr black, 1862 Due)	17.50	4.00
* J24 (2fr black, 1864 Due)	25.00	5.00
* N4-7 (1870, Alsace Occupat)	9.55	2.00
* N32A (Almon YL network)	3.50	1.50
OFF. CHINA-CANTON * 30 (5fr)	6.00	1.50
YUNNAN-FOU * 17 (Pair-ovpt variety)	2.00	

	Scott	Net
	Cat.	Price
OFF. EGYPT Forerunner on Fr 84-1	3.00	
OFF. TURKEY * 39 (1905, Cpt.)	20.00	7.00
FR. COLONIES * 1-6 (Cpt G-F)	18.00	4.00
* 12 (3 dots left frame variety)	1.50	
* 18 (Cochin cancel 4c gray)	100.00	20.00
* 28 (75c carmine, 1878)	6.00	1.50
MU J1-14 (1884-5 cpt. G-F)	14.13	3.00
ANJOUAN MU Betw. 1-16 (12 diff.)	7.57	1.75
BENIN MU Betw. 20-30 (9 diff.)	8.90	2.00
MU Betw. 33-44 (12 diff.)	6.99	2.00
CAMEROONS * B16-7 (Cpt. 1941)	8.00	2.75
CHIN CHINA MU 2-4 (1858-7)	3.00	1.35
RU. GUIANA * 15-16 (40 & 75c)	16.00	6.00
ATANIA * C1-8 (less C2)	7.20	2.00
BOCK * 39-44 (1892 hl vals)	9.00	2.00
LEWIS & CLARK * (D.D. 1805-1806) of values, R.R. Guaranteed	35.00	
T. PIERRE * C15-17 (Cpt. 1947)	4.35	2.90
J21-31 (Dug-Dues Cpt. 1932)	5.85	1.75
OGI * C14-17 (1947 Alrs Cpt.)	4.10	2.65
GERMAN COAST * C15-18 (Cpt. 1935)	3.50	2.25
GERMANIES * C15-18	3.50	2.25
HURN & TAXIS MU 15-18, 20	7.00	1.50
16 (1/3str green, 1863, G)	10.00	2.00
52 (130kr orange, 1859)	22.50	3.50
50 (Strip of 3, reinforced)	4.50	1.25
G. CONFEDERATION * 1-11 (Cpt.)	14.32	3.75
12 (1/2 violet brown, 1868)	6.00	1.50
13-22 (Cpt. to 7kr, 1869)	8.08	1.50
GERMANY * C1-11 (Cpt. 1872)	5.00	1.25
8-84 (1/2 1/4 ultramarine, 1872)	21.00	7.75
11 (1/2 ultramarine, 1872)	6.00	1.75
11 (1kr bistre, top value)	17.50	3.00
14 (18kr violet, large shield)	6.00	1.50
25 (9kr red brown)	13.50	3.50
28 (9kr on 9kr, 1874)	8.50	2.00
62-64 (1/2 1/4 blue, 1869)	10.00	2.50
65 (5m Reichspst, Type 1)	37.50	16.00
65A (same as above, Type 2)	30.00	12.00
73-85 (1902 mark values)	10.75	3.90
75-5 (Cpt. set, 1927)	6.00	2.50
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B15-18 (1926 Coat Arms, Cpt.)	8.25	3.25
B15-18 (same as above, used)	8.25	3.25
B19-22 (Hindenburg Cpt.)	4.45	1.75
B23-7 (1928 Coat Arms Cpt.)	4.45	1.75
B23-7 (1928 Coat Arms Cpt.)	4.45	1.75
B34-7 (1930 Cpt. set)	5.00	2.00
B38-41 (1931 Semi Cpt. set)	8.35	3.20
B44-8 (Cpt. 1932 Semi set)	6.70	2.25
B45-57 (Wagner, Cpt. 1933)	45.00	21.50
B58-5 (Ten Year Seal, Scarce)	4.00	1.50
B59-67 (1934 Workers Cpt.)	7.45	3.00
B68 (Ostropa Sheet, 1935)	10.00	5.75
B119 (1938 Cpt. Horse)	4.45	1.75
C20-26 (1944 Scarce Airs)	6.75	2.75
C27 (1945 Scarce Airs)	24.00	10.75
ADEN * 5N14-27 (DPF Cpt.)	3.70	2.00
5N28-40 (without PF Cpt.)	9.00	
HINE * 6N30-38 (less A no.)	3.90	1.50
6N23-5 (Red Cross Cpt. set)	7.00	4.00
6N26 (Red Cross Cpt. set)	7.50	5.00
URTEMBERG * 8N14-27 (Cpt.)	4.65	2.00
ERLIN * 8N1-20 (1948 Cpt.)	5.57	3.00
GERMANY * OL9-14 (1905 Cpt.)	8.04	2.00
FF. CHINA * 1A-2, 4-6 (1898)	6.10	1.75
3 (10pt carmine, 1898)	.50	.40
4 (10pt ultramarine, 1898)	.50	.40
24-34 (1900 cpt.)	6.80	1.75
42-46, 46 (1905 surcharges)	17.50	2.50
FF. MOROCCO * 16-17 (1900)	18.00	5.00
U 45-57 (1911 complete set)	8.75	2.75
45-57 (1911 complete set, good)	14.00	2.00
21 (5pt on Im. carmine)	4.50	2.00
42 (5pt on 3m, 1905)	15.00	4.00
10-14 (Cpt. 6-9 (1853-8 cpt. set))	4.30	1.20
10-14 (Cpt. set 1860-1)	15.50	3.90
10-14 (1862 per 1862)	4.50	1.20
24 (1862) (scarce 1862 good)	35.00	10.00
AVARIA * 1 (4 margins 1849)	90.00	30.00
6 (8kr broken circle, 1849)	12.50	5.00
4-8 (1850-8 cpt. set G-F)	37.45	7.50
1-8 (1862 cpt. set)	25.50	6.00
8 (18kr 1/2 1/4 blue)	15.00	6.00
10-20 (1867-8 cpt. to 9kr)	13.50	3.00
17-19 (6 & 7kr values)	7.25	1.60
21 (12kr lilac, 1867)	15.00	3.90
21 (18kr red, top v)	17.50	1.75
28A (wmk'd type, 10-10kr)	15.00	3.50



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## COATS OF ARMS (STATES) ISSUES USED POSTAGE ISSUES

#	New	Used	#	New	Used	#	New	Used	#	New	Used
1	2.50	1.50	255B	.04	.04	387	.50	.50	670	See Sets	See Sets
2	1.00	1.00	256	.12	.04	388	1.00	1.00	671	See Sets	See Sets
3	1.75	1.75	257	.06	.06	389	.14	.14	672	See Sets	See Sets
4	1.75	1.75	258	.04	.04	390	.20	.20	673	See Sets	See Sets
5	1.75	1.75	259	.05	.05	391	.20	.20	674	See Sets	See Sets
6	1.75	1.75	260	.09	.09	392	.16	.16	675	See Sets	See Sets
7	1.75	1.75	261	.02	.02	393	.08	.08	676	See Sets	See Sets
8	1.75	1.75	262	.06	.06	394	.18	.18	677	See Sets	See Sets
9	1.75	1.75	263	.12	.12	395	.05	.05	678	See Sets	See Sets
10	1.75	1.75	264	.02	.02	396	.05	.05	679	See Sets	See Sets
11	1.75	1.75	265	.02	.02	397	.05	.05	680	See Sets	See Sets
12	1.75	1.75	266	.02	.02	398	.05	.05	681	See Sets	See Sets
13	1.75	1.75	267	.02	.02	399	.05	.05	682	See Sets	See Sets
14	1.75	1.75	268	.02	.02	400	.05	.05	683	See Sets	See Sets
15	1.75	1.75	269	.02	.02	401	.05	.05	684	See Sets	See Sets
16	1.75	1.75	270	.02	.02	402	.05	.05	685	See Sets	See Sets
17	1.75	1.75	271	.02	.02	403	.05	.05	686	See Sets	See Sets
18	1.75	1.75	272	.02	.02	404	.05	.05	687	See Sets	See Sets
19	1.75	1.75	273	.02	.02	405	.05	.05	688	See Sets	See Sets
20	1.75	1.75	274	.02	.02	406	.05	.05	689	See Sets	See Sets
21	1.75	1.75	275	.02	.02	407	.05	.05	690	See Sets	See Sets
22	1.75	1.75	276	.02	.02	408	.05	.05	691	See Sets	See Sets
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24	1.75	1.75	278	.02	.02	410	.05	.05	693	See Sets	See Sets
25	1.75	1.75	279	.02	.02	411	.05	.05	694	See Sets	See Sets
26	1.75	1.75	280	.02	.02	412	.05	.05	695	See Sets	See Sets
27	1.75	1.75	281	.02	.02	413	.05	.05	696	See Sets	See Sets
28	1.75	1.75	282	.02	.02	414	.05	.05	697	See Sets	See Sets
29	1.75	1.75	283	.02	.02	415	.05	.05	698	See Sets	See Sets
30	1.75	1.75	284	.02	.02	416	.05	.05	699	See Sets	See Sets
31	1.75	1.75	285	.02	.02	417	.05	.05	700	See Sets	See Sets
32	1.75	1.75	286	.02	.02	418	.05	.05	701	See Sets	See Sets
33	1.75	1.75	287	.02	.02	419	.05	.05	702	See Sets	See Sets
34	1.75	1.75	288	.02	.02	420	.05	.05	703	See Sets	See Sets
35	1.75	1.75	289	.02	.02	421	.05	.05	704	See Sets	See Sets
36	1.75	1.75	290	.02	.02	422	.05	.05	705	See Sets	See Sets
37	1.75	1.75	291	.02	.02	423	.05	.05	706	See Sets	See Sets
38	1.75	1.75	292	.02	.02	424	.05	.05	707	See Sets	See Sets
39	1.75	1.75	293	.02	.02	425	.05	.05	708	See Sets	See Sets
40	1.75	1.75	294	.02	.02	426	.05	.05	709	See Sets	See Sets
41	1.75	1.75	295	.02	.02	427	.05	.05	710	See Sets	See Sets
42	1.75	1.75	296	.02	.02	428	.05	.05	711	See Sets	See Sets
43	1.75	1.75	297	.02	.02	429	.05	.05	712	See Sets	See Sets
44	1.75	1.75	298	.02	.02	430	.05	.05	713	See Sets	See Sets
45	1.75	1.75	299	.02	.02	431	.05	.05	714	See Sets	See Sets
46	1.75	1.75	300	.02	.02	432	.05	.05	715	See Sets	See Sets
47	1.75	1.75	301	.02	.02	433	.05	.05	716	See Sets	See Sets
48	1.75	1.75	302	.02	.02	434	.05	.05	717	See Sets	See Sets
49	1.75	1.75	303	.02	.02	435	.05	.05	718	See Sets	See Sets
50	1.75	1.75	304	.02	.02	436	.05	.05	719	See Sets	See Sets
51	1.75	1.75	305	.02	.02	437	.05	.05	720	See Sets	See Sets
52	1.75	1.75	306	.02	.02	438	.05	.05	721	See Sets	See Sets
53	1.75	1.75	307	.02	.02	439	.05	.05	722	See Sets	See Sets
54	1.75	1.75	308	.02	.02	440	.05	.05	723	See Sets	See Sets
55	1.75	1.75	309	.02	.02	441	.05	.05	724	See Sets	See Sets
56	1.75	1.75	310	.02	.02	442	.05	.05	725	See Sets	See Sets
57	1.75	1.75	311	.02	.02	443	.05	.05	726	See Sets	See Sets
58	1.75	1.75	312	.02	.02	444	.05	.05	727	See Sets	See Sets
59	1.75	1.75	313	.02	.02	445	.05	.05	728	See Sets	See Sets
60	1.75	1.75	314	.02	.02	446	.05	.05	729	See Sets	See Sets
61	1.75	1.75	315	.02	.02	447	.05	.05	730	See Sets	See Sets
62	1.75	1.75	316	.02	.02	448	.05	.05	731	See Sets	See Sets
63	1.75	1.75	317	.02	.02	449	.05	.05	732	See Sets	See Sets
64	1.75	1.75	318	.02	.02	450	.05	.05	733	See Sets	See Sets
65	1.75	1.75	319	.02	.02	451	.05	.05	734	See Sets	See Sets
66	1.75	1.75	320	.02	.02	452	.05	.05	735	See Sets	See Sets
67	1.75	1.75	321	.02	.02	453	.05	.05	736	See Sets	See Sets
68	1.75	1.75	322	.02	.02	454	.05	.05	737	See Sets	See Sets
69	1.75	1.75	323	.02	.02	455	.05	.05	738	See Sets	See Sets
70	1.75	1.75	324	.02	.02	456	.05	.05	739	See Sets	See Sets
71	1.75	1.75	325	.02	.02	457	.05	.05	740	See Sets	See Sets
72	1.75	1.75	326	.02	.02	458	.05	.05	741	See Sets	See Sets
73	1.75	1.75	327	.02	.02	459	.05	.05	742	See Sets	See Sets
74	1.75	1.75	328	.02	.02	460	.05	.05	743	See Sets	See Sets
75	1.75	1.75	329	.02	.02	461	.05	.05	744	See Sets	See Sets
76	1.75	1.75	330	.02	.02	462	.05	.05	745	See Sets	See Sets
77	1.75	1.75	331	.02	.02	463	.05	.05	746	See Sets	See Sets
78	1.75	1.75	332	.02	.02	464	.05	.05	747	See Sets	See Sets
79	1.75	1.75	333	.02	.02	465	.05	.05	748	See Sets	See Sets
80	1.75	1.75	334	.02	.02	466	.05	.05	749	See Sets	See Sets
81	1.75	1.75	335	.02	.02	467	.05	.05	750	See Sets	See Sets
82	1.75	1.75	336	.02	.02	468	.05	.05	751	See Sets	See Sets
83	1.75	1.75	337	.02	.02	469	.05	.05	752	See Sets	See Sets
84	1.75	1.75	338	.02	.02	470	.05	.05	753	See Sets	See Sets
85	1.75	1.75	339	.02	.02	471	.05	.05	754	See Sets	See Sets
86	1.75	1.75	340	.02	.02	472	.05	.05	755	See Sets	See Sets
87	1.75	1.75	341	.02	.02	473	.05	.05	756	See Sets	See Sets
88	1.75	1.75	342	.02	.02	474	.05	.05	757	See Sets	See Sets
89	1.75	1.75	343	.02	.02	475	.05	.05	758	See Sets	See Sets
90	1.75	1.75	344	.02	.02	476	.05	.05	759	See Sets	See Sets
91	1.75	1.75	345	.02	.02	477	.05	.05	760	See Sets	See Sets
92	1.75	1.75	346	.02	.02	478	.05	.05	761	See Sets	See Sets
93	1.75	1.75	347	.02	.02	479	.05	.05	762	See Sets	See Sets
94	1.75	1.75	348	.02	.02	480	.05	.05	763	See Sets	See Sets
95	1.75	1.75	349	.02	.02	481	.05	.05	764	See Sets	See Sets
96	1.75	1.75	350	.02	.02	482	.05	.05	765	See Sets	See Sets
97	1.75	1.75	351	.02	.02	483	.05	.05	766	See Sets	See Sets
98	1.75	1.75	352	.02	.02	484	.05	.05	767	See Sets	See Sets
99	1.75	1.75	353	.02	.02	485	.05	.05	768	See Sets	See Sets
100	1.75	1.75	354	.02	.02	486	.05	.05	769	See Sets	See Sets
101	1.75	1.75	355	.02	.02	487	.05	.05	770	See Sets	See Sets
102	1.75	1.75	356	.02	.02	488	.05	.05	771	See Sets	See Sets
103	1.75	1.75	357	.02	.02	489	.05	.05	772	See Sets	See Sets
104	1.75	1.75	358	.02	.02	490	.05	.05	773	See Sets	See Sets
105	1.75	1.75	359	.02	.02	491	.05	.05	774	See Sets	See Sets
106	1.75	1.75	360	.02	.02	492	.05	.05	775	See Sets	See Sets
107	1.75	1.75	361	.02	.02	493	.05	.05	776	See Sets	See Sets
108	1.75	1.75	362	.02	.02	494	.05	.05	777	See Sets	See Sets
109	1.75	1.75	363	.02	.02	495	.05	.05	778	See Sets	See Sets
110	1.75	1.75	364	.02	.02	496	.05	.05	779	See Sets	See Sets
111	1.75	1.75	365	.02	.02	497	.05	.05	780	See Sets	See Sets
112	1.75	1.75	366	.02	.02	498	.05	.05	781	See Sets	See Sets
113	1.75	1.75	367	.02	.02	499	.05	.05	782	See Sets	See Sets
114	1.75	1.75	368	.02	.02	500	.05	.05	783	See Sets	See Sets
115	1.75	1.75	369	.02	.02	501	.05	.05	784	See Sets	See Sets
116	1.75	1.75	370	.02	.02	502	.05	.05	785	See Sets	See Sets
117	1.75	1.75	371	.02	.02	503	.05	.05	786	See Sets	See Sets
118	1.75	1.75	372	.02	.02	504	.05	.05	787	See Sets	See Sets
119	1.75	1.75	373	.02	.02	505	.05	.05	788	See Sets	See Sets
120	1.75	1.75	374	.02	.02	506	.05	.05	789	See Sets	See Sets
121	1.75	1.75	375	.02	.02	507	.05	.05	790	See Sets	See Sets
122	1.75	1.75	376	.02	.02	508	.05	.05	791	See Sets	See Sets
123	1.75	1.75	377	.02	.02	509	.05	.05	792	See Sets	See Sets
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## ED. SAPHIRE

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In one of our most recent columns, we described how the once mighty Kingdom of Brunei at the beginning of the 19th century had dwindled to include only what is now Sarawak and part of North Borneo, largely due to the ever-increasing Dutch dominance over the huge island of Borneo. Even the shrunken domain of the rulers of Brunei was sorely beset by internal troubles and anarchy was rife in the outlying districts.

In 1841, a remarkable personality, James Brooke, entered the picture and almost singlehandedly changed the map of this area over the ensuing decades. His portrait is found on Sarawak, Scott type A1. Born in 1803 as the son of a civil servant stationed in India, he entered the East India military service and was severely wounded in the Burmese war. Upon his recovery, he purchased a yacht, outfitted it as a gunboat, and trained a crew of 20 men on a three-year shake-down cruise in the Mediterranean before setting out for the Eastern seas.

Obviously, here was a man of patience and determination with a touch of the dreamer. Sailing from London in October 1838, his travels were at first uneventful until he happened to touch Kuching in 1841 then in a state of open rebellion against the Viceroy or Rajah of Sarawak, Muda Hassim, an uncle of the Sultan.

Brooke saw his big chance and entered the fray with his small "army" on the side of the ruler, thus turning the tide. The Sultan, seeing his realm disintegrating before his eyes and apparently sensing that his English ally had not the slightest intention of leaving anyway, in a typically oriental face-saving maneuver declared James Brooke, and his heirs, to be Rajahs of Sarawak in place of his unpopular uncle.

Perhaps the Sultan sought to pit British power and prestige against the hated Dutch in a desperate gamble to save his throne. In any event, the entire western half of his country, Sarawak, was permanently lost to the Brunei rulers although "Rajahs", at least technically, were supposed to be their subordinates.

In 1846, Britain occupied the tiny isle of Labuan which dominates the Bay of Brunei and this move sort of bottled up the Sultan in his capital.

In 1877 the then Sultan of Brunei was persuaded to cede the whole northern portion of Borneo to a private concern, the British North Borneo Company, a territory that formed the nucleus of what was to become British North Borneo. At various later dates, additional little slices of Brunei were turned over to the Rajahs of Sarawak and to the British North Borneo Co. until the state was eventually reduced to the present pitifully small and all but powerless speck on the map.

Treaties with Britain were entered into in 1847, 1888 and 1905 and each time the little country was "protected" some more until it practically went out of existence! Conditions remained placid until the discovery of important oilfields at Seria, 10 miles from Kuala Belait, in 1929. These suddenly gave importance to the state and Brunei became prosperous. The oilfields were one of Japan's very first targets and were occupied a few days after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

On June 10, 1945 allied forces landed at Muara and proceeded to



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wards Brunei. Just as the Japanese had encountered hardly any resistance when they landed in the sultanate, the allied advance was similarly uneventful. The Japanese melted away into the jungle where many of them met a far worse fate at the hands of the wild Dayaks than they would have as allied P.W.S.

Now, at long last, some comments on the postage stamps of Brunei. There aren't too many, yet only a handful of collectors have ever managed to complete Brunei's major catalogue numbers due to the several elusive and expensive Japanese occupation items. Although postal service commenced in 1877 with Straits Settlements stamps in use, Brunei's own stamps originated in 1906, with the overprinted set of provisionals on Labuan's Scott type A38.

Although Scott makes very few distinctions all of Brunei's issues are much better in postally used condition than mint!

Double overprints exist of both 2c values and are extremely rare, worth about \$250 apiece. In the second set, Gibbons lists Scott #19 also in gray black and reddish purple, this variety selling for approximately \$3.50. Specialists have noted a variety of plate retouches on several values of this set as well as on subsequent issues of type A1.

The third set, with overprints commemorating the "Malaya-Borneo Exhibition, 1922", Scott 14a-37a, is seldom seen in this country because dealers for a long time did not bother to stock an issue which only achieved Scott recognition in recent years.

There is a valuable color variety in the fourth set, namely Scott #61 in "pale greenish blue" which fetches close to \$15 in London. The first post-war set, Nos. 62-75 has proven none too popular and mint sets are sometimes changing hands at face value. It includes a number of perforation varieties, but these are of no special value. The entire set exists perforated 14, plus the 2c, 5c, 10c, 25c and 30c also 14 1/2 x 13 1/2 and the 8c and 50c also perforated 13.

Philatelist Articles  
On Unusual Countries

Delayed by the printer so that it was not mailed out until after December 1, the November 1956 Collectors Club Philatelist has provided a real philatelic treat for those receiving it just before the rush of Christmas mail. A strictly 20th Century country, Maldives Islands, the philatelic information on which has been widely scattered, received comprehensive coverage, including study of its 19th Century Ceylonese precursor services, in a 20-page article by Eugene V. Connett 3rd.

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209 30c brown #34 * OG, VF	8.00
210 5fr Napoleon #37, punch to nose by town ccl. well centered, no thin spots, VF	14.00
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The wavy lines normally used on a machine cancellation are very similar to a fluttering flag and no doubt it was this resemblance to the stripes of the United States flag that led the American Postal Machine Co. to use a U. S. flag as a canceller in the postmarking machines being made by them for the U. S. postal service about 1896.

These machines were very extensively used and consequently there are many minor differences in the flags but there are two major types. In one, the year at the bottom of the date stamp is separated by the name of the State, thus "19 WIS 10" (Fig. 1), and the other has the State following the town name, Boston, Mass., and the figures of the year are together (Fig. 2).

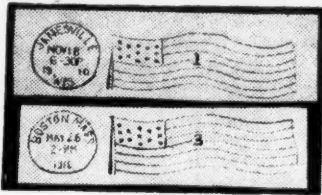


Figure 1 (top), and Figure 2

When the U.P.U. Congress was held at Washington in 1897, the American Postal Machine Co. offered to provide a special cancel for a machine at the Congress post office, to which the postal authorities agreed. What was probably the first "slogan" postmark was made by inserting a box containing the words "Congress Postal Universal" into the middle of a U. S. flag postmark.

A similar cancel was provided for the machine in use at the U. S. post office at the Paris Exhibition of 1900 and this may be found cancelling French stamps (Fig. 3).

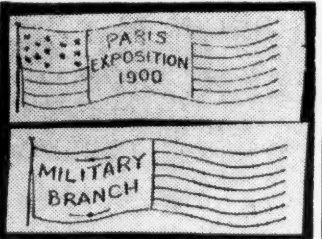


Figure 3 (top), and Figure 4

During the 1914/18 war, the U. S. flag postmark was adapted for use by the U. S. Military P. O.'s where machines were used. The U. S. flag was omitted and a "box" by the flagpole enclosed the words "Military Branch" (Fig. 4).

Apart from the machine cancellations sundry flags are found on the "cork" cancellations. One meter slogan, though not a postmark deserves mention. It was used by a New York bookseller in 1940/41. It had a U. S. flag in the center surrounded by the framed words, "Americanism is the best 'ism' of them all" (Fig. 5).



Figure 5

At that time Americans disliked Hitlerism but to prevent any possible offense to their allies the U. S. P. O. requested the user to withdraw his slogan. It is one of the very rare occasions when a meter slogan has been regarded as objectionable.



Figures 6, 8 and 9 (top to bottom)

At the same time as machine flag cancellations were in use in the U. S., Canada was also using them extensively. They had a Union Jack in the top left corner of the flag, the rest being shaded with vertical lines with two heavy horizontal lines and the word "Canada" between, across the center. There are many types.

Variations in the size of the letters of "Canada" may be found and sometimes there are letters in the flag below the Union Jack (Fig. 6).

During World War I the Union Jack again appeared on Canadian postmarks to the right of a patriotic slogan (Fig. 7). A special flag cancel was also used in 1937 to commemorate the Coronation of King George VI (Fig. 9) and in 1939, the letters posted on the Royal Train during the visit of King George VI to Canada were cancelled with a reproduction of the Royal Standard.



Figure 7

Once again in war time, in 1941, with a slogan "Enlist Now" a Union Jack was used to cancel letters (Fig. 8).

Great Britain has twice had flags in its postmarks. The first is rare and may be considered the first British slogan postmark. It was used at the Crystal Palace, "Festival of Empire Imperial Exhibitions" set in a flag, to the right of a circular date stamp.

It was not until 1951, when the Festival of Britain was held, that flags appeared again in a postmark and in this case it was just a string of small flags in the exhibition emblem. There were three main types of this postmark, the slogan used widely to advertise the Festival, the Exhibition P. O. machine cancel and a registration hand stamp (Fig. 10).



Figure 10

France in 1898 used a cancellation showing an unfurled National flag and one of the slogan cancellations for the "Foire de Paris" is set in a flag (Fig. 11).



Figure 11

Part of the wording of a Dutch slogan for the gymnastic games of 1953, is enclosed in the outlines of a flag. A Swiss slogan to advertise a musical festival held at Berne in connection with the celebration of the Centenary of Swiss Federation in 1948, showed the national flag flying from a pole. No doubt there are many other slogans with flags on them.



Figure 12

Germany about 1904 had a striking machine flag cancel in use in towns as far apart as Bremerhaven and Baden-Baden (Fig. 12), but the most extensive group of German flag cancellations were those used by their sea post offices prior to the late war. There are too many to detail here. Usually they had a flag outline to the left of a date stamp, the ship's name being within the flag (Fig. 13).



Figure 13

On vessels plying between New York and Germany the postal service was jointly organized by the United States and German postal authorities and

the Germans provided a machine for the mail handled by them with a flag cancel with the vessel's name inset. The S. S. Europa had one.

For the ferries between Gjedser (Denmark) and Warnemunde (Germany) and also between Tralleborg and Sassnitz a flag cancel was used which showed a ship on the flag. The canceller was to the left of the date stamp, and on the Gedser ferry, the ship on the flag points left. On the Tralleborg ferry it points right.

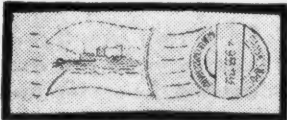


Figure 14

Since the war a somewhat similar cancel has been in use on the Danish Gedser-Grossenbrode service (Fig. 14). The cancel is continuous with flags and date stamps alternating and the flag shows a ship on it.

Other countries have used flag cancellations. I have seen them on Italian and New Zealand stamps about 1900. Possibly the Americans supplied machines with flags as in the U. S. but these are very hard to find, but, like all the flag cancellations they are worth looking for and make an interesting change from stamps.

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mail route which is good reading. It says — Post Office Department annals contain many stories of hazardous postal routes by land and sea, but unique among them in several respects is Power Boat Route 78091. This route runs between Seward, Alaska, Kodiak Island, and the village of Nikolski on one of the outermost islands of the Aleutian chain. The round-trip covers 1189 miles to serve 19 isolated villages. The motor ship Expansion, with

Niels P. Thomsen, a retired Coast Guard Captain, as master, makes this run every month. While his ship is only 114 feet in length, she is seaworthy in every respect, Thomsen says, well equipped to ride the mountainous sea of the Arctic storms and to fight ice.

The Expansion has to be a well-found vessel, Captain Thomsen points out, because 50-mile gales are commonplace. During the five months of deep winter, the winds often rise to 80 miles or more. The ship frequently becomes incased by 15 tons or more of ice, which has to be chopped away to keep

her from capsizing.

Monthly visits by the Expansion constitute the only contact with the outside world for most of the Islanders. Because of this, Captain Thomsen has set up a variety of services in addition to that of transporting the mails.

He publishes a bi-monthly newspaper, called the Mailboat Monitor, which carries the news of this remote area of the world. The newspaper publishes a love-lorn column, which gave rise to a "Friendship Society." This organization serves in effect as a matrimonial bureau for the Islanders.

Because other transportation is

lacking, Captain Thomsen established a general store aboard his ship. Last year this store sold several thousand dollars worth of fresh produce, meats, candies, comic books, and (of all things) ice cream, as well as sundry items of necessity to Arctic dwellers.

The Expansion also operates as a branch of the Bank of Kodiak and renders banking service to the Islanders, who never had such a service before.

Captain Thomsen often is asked why the Islanders continue to live on the bleak and icebound Aleutians. His answer is that this is their homeland. They love the tre-

mendous scenery of mountains, sea and sky, the spectacular aurora borealis, the driving storms of winter, and most of all, the brief summer when bright flowers carpet the treeless earth.

Only a man with Viking blood in his veins would do the job that Captain Thomsen is doing so well. He thinks the job is rewarding because he is more than just a carrier of the mails. He is regarded by the Islanders as their friend and benefactor. No doubt it is a good life for one who can stand up to it.

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11	165	Good	2.55
12	217	VG	4.75
13	238	VG	3.50
14	238	VG	4.25
15	239	VG	6.25
16	240	VG	9.55
17	259	SE	2.75
18	271a	VG	49.50
19	288	VG	3.75
20	288	SE	1.00
21	289	SE	2.25
22	289	SE	2.25
23	291	VG	2.95
24	291	SE	3.50
25	298	SE	3.50
26	298	SE	3.50
27	298	SE	3.50
28	298	SE	3.50
29	298	SE	3.50
30	298	SE	3.50
31	325	VG	3.95
32	325	VG	3.95
33	325	VG	3.95
34	325	VG	3.95
35	368	Part Gum	2.75
36	368	Part Gum	10.00
37	373	Sl. Thin	3.00
38	477	Pre-cancel	5.00
39	480	VG	5.00
40	483	Line Block VF	5.50
41	518	NG	2.75
42	550	VG	3.50
43	550	SE	2.00
44	550	SE	2.00
45	560	Pl. # Bk (4) VG	15.00
46	575	Line Bk Fine	4.00
47	577	Pl. # Bk (4) Fine	2.75
48	611	Bk 4 VF	6.00
49	611	Bk 4 VF	4.75
50	611	Pair VF	2.25
51	611	Bk 4 VF	3.50
52	614	16 Bk 4, Fine	4.95
53	614	16 Bk 4, Fine	19.00
54	616	16 Bk 4, Fine	12.00
55	616	16 Bk 4, Fine	12.00
56	616	16 Bk 4, Fine	2.95
57	617	17, Fine	2.25
58	620	Center Line	3.50
59	621	Bk 4, Fine	14.50
60	621	16 Bk 4, Fine	1.00
61	621	16 Bk 4, Fine	3.00
62	621	16 Bk 4, Fine	3.25
63	621	16 Bk 4, Fine	3.00
64	621	16 Bk 4, Fine	3.00
65	630	Sheet, VF	35.00
66	631	16 Bk 4, Fine	2.25
67	631	16 Bk 4, Fine	2.25
68	704	15 Bk 4, F-VF	12.00
69	704	15 Bk 4, F-VF	2.95
70	724	Pl. # Bk Fine	2.75
71	726	Pl. # Bk Fine	2.75
72	730	731 Sheets Fine	5.50
73	735	Sheet Fine	2.25
74	735	Sheet VF	2.50
75	740	9 F-VF	1.95
76	740	9 Bk 4, F-VF	4.00
77	740	9 Pl. # Bk (6) F-VF	4.00
78	750	751 Sheets F	4.95
79	750	751 Sheets VF	5.25
80	756	65 Bk 4, F-VF	7.00
81	752	66, 67, 68-70 Hor Gut prs	3.75
82	752	66, 67, 768-70 Vert Gut Prs.	3.50
83	752	66, 67, 768-70	4.50
84	752	66, 67, 768-70	4.25
85	768	Sheet VF	8.75
86	768	Sheet VF	2.50
87	785	84 Pl. # Bk F-VF	4.75
88	859	93 Bk F-VF	7.50
89	859	93 Pl. # Bk F-VF	69.50
90	859	93 F-VF	2.40
91	859	93 Bk F-VF	14.25
92	894	Pl. # Bk VF	2.25
93	899	21 Name Bk VF	4.25
94	899	21 Bk VF	4.25
95	900	21 Bk VF	4.25
96	900	21 Bk VF	4.25
97	900	21 Bk VF	4.25
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100	900	21 Bk VF	4.25
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106	900	21 Bk VF	4.25
107	900	21 Bk VF	4.25
108	900	21 Bk VF	4.25
109	900	21 Bk VF	4.25
110	900	21 Bk VF	4.25
111	900	21 Bk VF	4.25
112	900	21 Bk VF	4.25
113	900	21 Bk VF	4.25
114	900	21 Bk VF	4.25
115	900	21 Bk VF	4.25

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190	190	Mounted Bureau Collection. From early types into Presidential. Some better grade. Nice Collection. Cat. By 1952 Edition	\$318.25
191	191	Mounted Bureau Collection. 1580 old type Bureaus. Many High Cat. Many scarce. desirable lot. Cat. by 1954 Edition	\$423.17
192	192	Mounted Local Type Collection. Many Commemoratives and High Values 706 stamps. Estimated Value	27.50
193	193	Clear Box loaded with Bureaus and Locals. Catalog must be high. Estimated Value	35.00

Lot #	Scott #	UNITED STATES	Retail Value
194	194	U. S. QUANTITY LOTS	9.00
195	195	#73 (3) G-VG	9.00
196	196	#113 (3) G-VG	9.00
197	197	#178 (15) VG-F	6.75
198	198	#222 (3) VG-F	6.00
199	199	#233 (10) VG-F	6.00
200	200	#234 (10) VG-F	7.50
201	201	#235 (3) VG-F	8.25
202	202	#287 (3) VG-F	7.50
203	203	#287 (3) VG-F	6.00
204	204	#287 (3) VG-F	8.25
205	205	#298 (2) VG	11.00
206	206	#299 (3) VG-F	11.25
207	207	#308 (5) VG-F	8.75
208	208	#319 (3) VG-F	6.00
209	209	#325 (3) VG	18.00
210	210	#327 (2) SE	11.50
211	211	#328 (10) VG-F	5.00
212	212	#380 (3) SE	5.55
213	213	#382 (2) G-F	6.50
214	214	#384 (25) G-F	3.00
215	215	#399 (3) VG-F	6.00
216	216	#400 (3) SE	6.00
217	217	#403 (3) SE	6.00
218	218	#403 (3) SE	6.00
219	219	#419 (4) SE	9.00
220	220	#419 (5) G	11.00
221	221	#468 (5) VG	5.00
222	222	#482 (10) G-F	5.50
223	223	#571 (100) G-VF	12.00
224	224	#572 (4) VG-F	5.00
225	225	#573 (4) VG-F	6.00
226	226	#575 (5) Fine	7.00
227	227	#576 (10) Fine	3.00
228	228	#614-16 (3) F-VF	11.25
229	229	#616 (3) F-VF	13.65
230	230	#619 (3) Fine	7.50
231	231	#620 (10) F-VF	17.50
232	232	#621 (3) Fine	13.50
233	233	#622 (25) F-VF	3.75
234	234	#628 (10) F-VF	10.00
235	235	#628 (10) F-VF	5.50
236	236	#703 (50) G-F	7.50
237	237	#704 (150) F-VF	6.00
238	238	#716 (35) F-VF	4.90
239	239	#724 (25) F-VF	4.50
240	240	#726 (50) F-VF	10.00
241	241	#727 (75) F-VF	9.00
242	242	#733 (25) VG-VF	12.50
243	243	#734 (20) VG-VF	9.00
244	244	#739 (100) VG-VF	15.00
245	245	#740 (100) F-VF	6.00
246	246	#741 (100) F-VF	9.00
247	247	#741 (15) 741 (5) Pl. #	7.75
248	248	#742 (50) F-VF	7.75
249	249	#740-9 (5) VG-VF	8.30
250	250	#740-9 (5) F-VF	15.35
251	251	#772 (10) Pl. # Bk F-VF	6.00
252	252	#772 (50) F-VF	5.00
253	253	#772 (50) F-VF	5.00
254	254	#773 (50) F-VF	5.00
255	255	#774 (5) Pl. # Bk Fine	4.00
256	256	#774 (50) F-VF	5.00
257	257	#775 (10) Pl. # Bk F-VF	6.00
258	258	#776 (25) Pl. # Bk F-VF	10.00
259	259	#777 (10) Pl. # Bk F-VF	6.00
260	260	#778 (10) Sheets, VF	7.50
261	261	#778 (10) cut in 4	7.50
262	262	#782 (10) Pl. # Bk F-VF	5.50
263	263	#783 (10) Pl. # Bk F-VF	5.50
264	264	#784 (10) Pl. # Bk F-VF	6.00
265	265	#785-94 (5) Pl. # Bk F-VF	6.00
266	266	#785-94 (10) F-VF	7.20
267	267	#785-94 (5) F-VF	1.80
268	268	#785-94 (5) F-VF	3.00
269	269	#788 (50) F-VF	6.00
270	270	#793 (50) F-VF	6.00
271	271	#795 (10) Pl. # Bk F-VF	5.00
272	272	#797 (20) Sheets VF	7.00
273	273	#798 (10) Pl. # Bk F-VF	5.00
274	274	#798 (50) F-VF	6.00
275	275	#799 (10) Pl. # Bk F-VF	6.00
276	276	#800 (10) Pl. # Bk F-VF	6.00
277	277	#801 (50) F-VF	7.50
278	278	#802 (50) F-VF	6.00
279	279	#803-832 (10) VG-VF	16.70
280	280	#803-832 Bk VG-VF	9.27
281	281	#832 (100) F-VF	8.00
282	282	#833 (10) F-VF	15.00
283	283	#834 (10) F-VF	8.50
284	284	#835 (50) F-VF	11.00
285	285	#836 (50) F-VF	11.00
286	286	#837 (5) Pl. # Bk F-VF	4.50
287	287	#852 (50) F-VF	6.00
288	288	#853 (5) Pl. # Bk F-VF	3.80
289	289	#853 (50) F-VF	6.00
290	290	#854 (5) Pl. # Bk F-VF	8.75
291	291	#854 (50) F-VF	11.00
292	292	#855 (50) F-VF	9.00
293	293	#856 (50) F-VF	10.00
294	294	#857 (50) F-VF	6.00
295	295	#858 (50) F-VF	6.00
296	296	#859/891 ic. 2c, 3c, values, 7 varieties, 164 stamps	87.50
297	297	#862/892 F. A. 5c values, 7 varieties, 167 stamps	16.70

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116	116	UC1 Entire Fine	15.95
117	117	UC11 Entire Fine	1.75

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27	★	#798	3.25	244	★	#725 (35) F-VF	7.70
28	★	#799	3.15	245	★	#727 (10) F-VF	10.95
29	★	#835	6.50	246	★	#727 (75) G-VF	9.00
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31	★	#909-921 (5)	49.50	248	★	#734 (20) VG-VF	9.00
32	★	#926	2.75	249	★	#739 (50) VG-VF	7.50
33	★	#930 (3)	.75	250	★	#740 (10) VG-F	15.00
34	★	#937 (3)	2.00	251	★	#740 (100) F-VF	6.00
35	★	#950 (5)	2.00	252	★	#741 (100) F-VF	9.00
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37	★	#945 (2)	2.00	254	★	Blks 6, VG-VF	7.75
38	★	#948 (50)	2.75	255	★	#752 (50) F-VF	7.50
39	★	#952 (8)	2.00	256	★	#740-9 (5) VG-VF	15.35
40	★	#953 (11)	2.75	257	★	#772 (10) Pl. # Blk F-VF	6.00
41	★	#954 (9)	2.00	258	★	#772 (50) F-VF	5.00
42	★	#955 (12)	2.00	259	★	#773 (10) Pl. # Blks F-VF	6.00
43	★	#956 (28)	2.00	260	★	#774 (10) Pl. # Blks Fine	5.00
44	★	#957 (17)	2.00	261	★	#774 (5) Pl. # Blks Fine	5.00
45	★	#958 (2)	3.25	262	★	#774 (50) F-VF	5.00
46	★	#960 (4)	2.00	263	★	#775 (10) Pl. # Blks F-VF	6.00
47	★	#962	2.25	264	★	#776 (10) Pl. # Blks F-VF	5.00
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49	★	#964 (7)	2.00	266	★	#777 (10) Pl. # Blks F-VF	7.50
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55	★	#976 (2)	3.25	272	★	#785-94 (10) F-VF	7.20
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57	★	#979 (1)	2.25	274	★	#785-94 (5) Blks F-VF	3.30
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60	★	#988	2.50	277	★	#797 (20) Sheets VF	7.00
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64	★	#999 (2)	2.00	281	★	#800 (10) Pl. # Blks F-VF	6.00
65	★	#1000 (3)	2.00	282	★	#800 (50) F-VF	7.50
66	★	#1001 (3)	2.00	283	★	#801 (50) F-VF	6.00
67	★	#1002 (2)	2.00	284	★	#802 (50) F-VF	7.50
68	★	#1003	2.00	285	★	#803-832 (10) VG-VF	9.20
69	★	#1004	2.00	286	★	#803-832 Blks VG-VF	16.70
70	★	#1005	2.00	287	★	#832 (100) F-VF	8.00
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72	★	#1017	2.00	289	★	#833 (35) F-VF	12.00
73	★	#1029	2.00	290	★	#834 (10) F-VF	11.00
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76	★	#1024 (5)	2.00	293	★	#837 (5) Pl. # Blks F-VF	11.00
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79	★	#1035 (50)	.15	296	★	#853 (50) F-VF	6.00
80	★	Collection U. S. from 1845 to F.A. many nice stamps. Some SE and damaged noted. On stock pages. Cat. over \$50.00		297	★	#854 (5) Pl. # Blks (6) F-VF	8.75
81	★	Collection used U. S. Blocks. Mostly F-VF from #319 to ahrs. Many commems. #549, 615, 627, 628 etc. #5726		298	★	#855 (50) F-VF	11.00
82	★	Small stock used U. S. Block. many commems. from #319 to date. Mostly VG-VF Cat. \$66.73		299	★	#856 (50) F-VF	9.00
83	★	70 Covers, 1st day & 1st flights, singles, Blocks. Contains #627, 628, 680, Flags, etc. Retail value of stamps only \$20.00		300	★	#857 (50) F-VF	6.00
84	★	Small U. S. stock from 1845 thru dues, Contains #113, 233, 235, 287, 294-297, 400, 628, C4, Ducks, etc. Many commems. Nice Variety. Some SE and damaged noted. Over \$150.00		301	★	#858 (50) F-VF	6.00
85	★	Small U. S. stock from #65, 73, 113, Columbians to 10c, 287, 294-7, 401, etc. 575, 611, 616, 619, 621, 628 thru dues. Very nice variety. Some SE and damaged noted in stock book - over \$250.00		302	★	#859 (50) F-VF	6.00
86	★	Mixture Commems on and off paper. Over 2000 stamps. Large size only counted		303	★	#859/891 cc, 2c, 3c values, 7 varieties, 1,649 stamps VG-VF	87.50+
87	★	PRECANCELS		304	★	#862/892 F.A. 5c values, 7 varieties, 167 stamps VG-F	16.70+
88	★	ALL PRECANCELS CATALOGED BY MITCHELL-HOOVER CAT.		305	★	#894 (20) VF	10.00
89	★	Collection mounted on loose pres Bureau, Presidentials and Defense. Nice lot Cat. by 1954 edition \$115.36		306	★	#895 (20) F-VF	8.00
90	★	Mounted Bureau Collection, from early types into presidentials. Very desirable lot. Many Higher Cat. By 1946 edition \$574.70		307	★	#896 (50) F-VF	9.00
91	★	Mounted Bureau Collection. Mostly Col Pairs and Blocks. Some scarce items very nice		308	★	#897 (50) F-VF	9.00
92	★	Collection mounted on loose pres Bureau, Presidentials and Defense. Nice lot Cat. by 1954 edition \$115.36		309	★	#898 (50) F-VF	9.00
93	★	Mounted Bureau Collection, from early types into presidentials. Very desirable lot. Many Higher Cat. By 1946 edition \$574.70		310	★	#899 (20) Pl. # Blks VG-VF	8.00
94	★	Mounted Bureau Collection. Mostly Col Pairs and Blocks. Some scarce items very nice		311	★	#900 (20) Pl. # Blk F-VF	10.00
95	★	Collection mounted on loose pres Bureau, Presidentials and Defense. Nice lot Cat. by 1954 edition \$115.36		312	★	#901 (10) Pl. # Blk VG-VF	9.00
96	★	Mounted Bureau Collection, from early types into presidentials. Very desirable lot. Many Higher Cat. By 1946 edition \$574.70		313	★	#902 (50) F-VF	11.00
97	★	Mounted Bureau Collection. Mostly Col Pairs and Blocks. Some scarce items very nice		314	★	#903 (50) F-VF	8.00
98	★	Collection mounted on loose pres Bureau, Presidentials and Defense. Nice lot Cat. by 1954 edition \$115.36		315	★	#904 (50) F-VF	9.00
99	★	Mounted Bureau Collection, from early types into presidentials. Very desirable lot. Many Higher Cat. By 1946 edition \$574.70		316	★	#905 Pl. # Blks F-VF (10)	5.00
100	★	Mounted Bureau Collection. Mostly Col Pairs and Blocks. Some scarce items very nice		317	★	#906 (25) F-VF	10.00
101	★	Collection mounted on loose pres Bureau, Presidentials and Defense. Nice lot Cat. by 1954 edition \$115.36		318	★	#906 (25) G-VF	6.25
102	★	Mounted Bureau Collection, from early types into presidentials. Very desirable lot. Many Higher Cat. By 1946 edition \$574.70		319	★	#907 (10) Pl. # Blks F-VF	4.00
103	★	Mounted Bureau Collection. Mostly Col Pairs and Blocks. Some scarce items very nice		320	★	#908 (10) Pl. # Blks F-VF	4.00
104	★	Collection mounted on loose pres Bureau, Presidentials and Defense. Nice lot Cat. by 1954 edition \$115.36		321	★	#909 (5) Name Blks	10.50
105	★	Mounted Bureau Collection, from early types into presidentials. Very desirable lot. Many Higher Cat. By 1946 edition \$574.70		322	★	#909-21 (10) F-VF	17.70
106	★	Mounted Bureau Collection. Mostly Col Pairs and Blocks. Some scarce items very nice		323	★	#922 (10) Pl. # Blks F-VF	7.50
107	★	Collection mounted on loose pres Bureau, Presidentials and Defense. Nice lot Cat. by 1954 edition \$115.36		324	★	#922 (50) F-VF	3.00
108	★	Mounted Bureau Collection, from early types into presidentials. Very desirable lot. Many Higher Cat. By 1946 edition \$574.70		325	★	#923 (50) F-VF	6.50
109	★	Mounted Bureau Collection. Mostly Col Pairs and Blocks. Some scarce items very nice		326	★	#923 (50) F-VF	6.50
110	★	Collection mounted on loose pres Bureau, Presidentials and Defense. Nice lot Cat. by 1954 edition \$115.36		327	★	#924 (10) Pl. # Blks F-VF	5.00
111	★	Mounted Bureau Collection, from early types into presidentials. Very desirable lot. Many Higher Cat. By 1946 edition \$574.70		328	★	#925 (50) F-VF	5.00
112	★	Mounted Bureau Collection. Mostly Col Pairs and Blocks. Some scarce items very nice		329	★	#925 Pl. # Blks F-VF	12.00
113	★	Collection mounted on loose pres Bureau, Presidentials and Defense. Nice lot Cat. by 1954 edition \$115.36		330	★	#926 (10) Pl. # Blks F-VF	6.50
114	★	Mounted Bureau Collection, from early types into presidentials. Very desirable lot. Many Higher Cat. By 1946 edition \$574.70		331	★	#926 (50) F-VF	4.00
115	★	Mounted Bureau Collection. Mostly Col Pairs and Blocks. Some scarce items very nice		332	★	#927 (10) Pl. # Blks F-VF	4.50
116	★	Collection mounted on loose pres Bureau, Presidentials and Defense. Nice lot Cat. by 1954 edition \$115.36		333	★	#927 (50) F-VF	3.50
117	★	Mounted Bureau Collection, from early types into presidentials. Very desirable lot. Many Higher Cat. By 1946 edition \$574.70		334	★	#928 (10) Pl. # Blks F-VF	4.00
118	★	Mounted Bureau Collection. Mostly Col Pairs and Blocks. Some scarce items very nice		335	★	#928 (50) F-VF	4.50
119	★	Collection mounted on loose pres Bureau, Presidentials and Defense. Nice lot Cat. by 1954 edition \$115.36		336	★	#929 (10) Pl. # Blks F-VF	4.50
120	★	Mounted Bureau Collection, from early types into presidentials. Very desirable lot. Many Higher Cat. By 1946 edition \$574.70		337	★	#929 (50) F-VF	3.50
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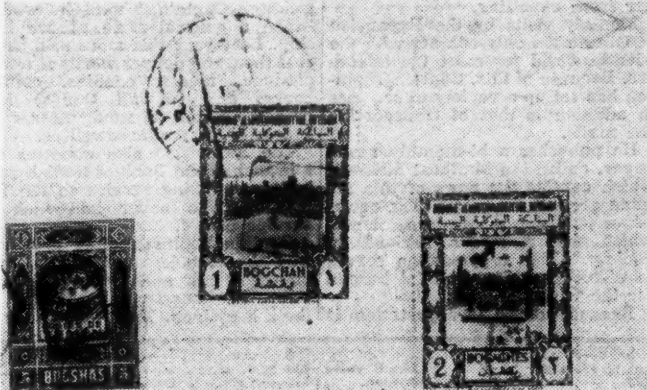


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Cover showing the rare Type "C" Yemen Provisional Overprint  
(center) tied with early October 1956 Sana'a cancel. Types "a"  
(lower left) and "b" (lower right) are shown for comparison.

## SHORTAGE (Continued from page 1)

lapse, the seat of the Postmaster General was definitely at Taiz, but that dignity was on an extended leave of absence. The Sana'a postmaster wanted a replacement surcharge but the acting PMG at Taiz lacked both the authority and the inclination to OK the request, and suggested that Sana'a (of whose obsolete stamp hoard he was jealous) use up its stock of Postage Dues and other odds and ends as regular postage stamps.

This was not to Sana'a's liking, and the Sana'a postmaster went ahead with his new replacement handstamp, to which we shall refer in the future as "Type c".

When "Type c" was ready, Sana'a applied it cautiously to a few left-overs of #68 and let them filter through to Hodeida and Taiz as trial balloons.

"Unauthorized," snapped back Taiz, and the project came to an end during the week of its inception (early October, 1956). Punitive action could not be taken, however, as Sana'a had cleverly avoided violating the letter of the PMG order forbidding a new 4 bogash overprint by omitting the figure of value.

As it stands, "Type c", which may become quite rare if it is not subsequently OK'ed, is similar in appearance to its "b" predecessor, but larger (it measures 15 x 18 mm in size instead of 13 x 15). Its Arabic inscription, at the top, "Barid al-Yemen" ("Yemen Post") is quite well known from the frame line (on blurred copies of "b" it usually touches the top frame line) but its English word "Yemen" at the bottom is scarcely 1mm up from the bottom frame line, while on "b" it is nearly 2mm up.

The frame of "b" is almost touching the "Y" of "Yemen" on the left, whereas in "c" it is fully 3mm away. Finally, the "b" frame line is thick, usually measuring 1 mm, and is not joined at the corners, in total contrast to "c", whose frame is a thin hair line, joined all around.

Instead of the Arabic figure of value "4" in the center, handstamp "c" has only a pair of brackets or crescents facing each other, some 4mm apart in the center and 2½ at top and bottom.

Two copies, on ordinary commercial covers mailed from Sana'a to Hodeida in early October, were inspected by the writer, and the one illustrated herewith was kindly presented to him by veteran (part time) dealer M.H. Dossa of Hodeida, about whom a later article will appear in Linn's.

It is thought that only a very few of these provisionals exist, and the writer will report further on this situation when he has had a chance to check commercial cover accumulations here more thoroughly.

After the Sana'a postmaster's early October attempts to solve the 4 bogash inland letter-rate stamp shortage by manufacturing a "Type c" overprint (without value expressed), and applying it to a few sheets of Scott's #68, and by issuing the 1951 1 bogshah official stamp without overprint for use as a 4 bogash provisional had failed to win Post Office Department approval, His Majesty the Imam was forced to intervene and impose an interim solution to the situation by royal decree.

"From the Commander of the Faithful to the Minister of Communications..." ran the sover-

eign's laconic order, telegraphed from the new royal capital of Yemen at the seaport of Hodeida to the 8000-foot elevation former capital city, Sana'a still seat of most of the ministries. In the cryptic ukase, transmitted in the usual manner on a quarter sheet of foolscap rolled in a small cigarette-like cartouche and stuck either in the turban or behind the dagger (jam-biya scabbard of the soldier-runner, H.R.H. the late Prince Seif al-Islam al-Qasim, perpetual Minister of Communications since the days of his father, the late Imam Yahia, was informed by his royal brother that the 5 bogshah value of the 1951 Rome-printed set (Scott's #71) should be considered a 4 bogshah stamp, forthwith, and that postmasters should be directed to so purchase and use it.

This requires a little explanation. Yemenite stamp stocks, since the accession of the reigning Imam, King Ahmad the First, in 1948, have been considered the personal property of the sovereign, locked in his palace vaults and sold at face value to postmasters, cash in advance, for postal use. Much chicanery went on during currency of the "Type a" (1939-49) and "Type b" (1949-56) 4 bogshah provisional overprint handstamps, when stocks of low value stamps (particularly 1 bogshah, ostensibly for newspapers) were purchased by postmasters and subsequently overprinted for sale and use as 4 bogshah stamps.

The only "higher-than-4-bogshah" surplus remainders of little-used values to get the handstamp (Nos. 45 and 65) were 5 bogshah stamps of the 1940 and 1931 issues, respectively, which had been issued under other circumstances, not from palace vaults against cash, so that no accountability problem arose concerning them.

Thus, from mid-October, 1956, the handsomest stamp in stock anywhere in Yemen, once assumed to be condemned to semi-oblivion and eventually to be burned with other unwanted obsolete remainders, finally came into its own. It is a striking bicolor, with the Yemen flag (the Sword of Ali and five stars, in white, on the red flag of the ancient pre-Islamic Yemenite emperors, or Tubbas, of Himyar) in natural colors on a sky blue background and surrounded by an ornate blue frame of elegant medieval Kufic inscriptions.

The stamp's two defects were that it was an unwanted and unneeded value, gratuitously inserted by the Italian stamp printing works on the assumption that the denomination "4", as ordered, was in error. And two that all self-respecting countries have a "5" value, plus the unforfeitable faux-pas of having the French translation of the Arabic text printed above the Arabic—a colonial trick which didn't get to first base in the independent Arab country.

Actually, Postal Adviser Kablawy spotted both of these defects before the set was to have been issued and complained to the government about them, but the story is that certain elements financially interested in completion of the "deal" without any hitch, prevented Mr. Kablawy's objections from reaching the Imam, and presented the issue as a fait accompli.

When the Imam set eyes on the set he told Kablawy to order a new one without delay and authorized provisional use of the "Type b" overprint on older stamp stocks until the new and unobjectionable (1953) set should be delivered. For

reasons of economy he later authorized sale of complete mint sets, post and air, to dealers, and philatelic use, by favor, of some of the values, but never allowed the set to be sold to postmasters for regular postal use. This means that the stamps are more common mint than used, and the catalogue value should reflect this.



Yemen's solution to 4 bogshah stamp shortages is this 5 bogshah 1951 remainder used without overprint to prepay the 4 bogshah inland letter rate from mid-October 1956 onward.

During acute shortages he also allowed the 1 bogshah's use as a newspaper wrapper value and the overprinting of the 1, 2 and 3 with "Type b" overprint, but the set as a whole is still anathema and will never be released for normal postal use.

The illustration is from a cover mailed as a 4 bogshah local letter item from Hodeida to the former provisional capital, Taiz. Although technically restricted to inland mail use, the stamp is occasionally accepted for prepayment of 4 bogshah additional face on covers going abroad, as the royal decree precludes its sale or use as a 5 bogshah value.

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(Kitchner), 4940 (Windsor), and  
3100 (Hamilton). From there on  
there was only one to possibly five  
from a city.

This must be out of true propor-  
tion though or the catalog doesn't  
show the true scarcity as some of  
the ones I only had a very few of,  
catalogued but a few cents.

In the City name type I never  
found an item that was uncata-  
logued. Which goes to show just  
how intensely this field has been  
studied. In the BARS, and there are  
a lot of bar precancels from Can-  
ada, I found a very few of the old  
ones up to plenty of the new Queens  
head types.

I did think I had noticed some-  
thing on the 2c George VI items.  
There were two distinct shades in  
the pile and upon examining the  
catalog sure enough two shades  
were listed. Scotts Nos. 305 and  
286, Noble's Nos. 223 and 224. So  
I didn't even find a shade, but still  
I had a lot of fun. I think there is  
a lot of information lacking on the  
bar types but I can easily see how  
difficult it would be to dig this  
out. If I had the time I would prob-  
ably start a collection of these in-  
teresting precancels instead of  
stowing them away in a stock  
book.

**BULLETIN BOARD**

"Collectors Items", bulletin of  
the Cedar Valley Stamp Club,  
Waterloo, Iowa in with a pair of  
1c Liberties from Hudson, Iowa.  
(This is a non-precancel club) The  
Golden Gate bulletin for December  
mailed with a pair of 1c Liberties  
from San Leandro, Calif.

The Town and Type counts of  
several of the western states are  
listed in the bulletin are: Arizona  
45 Towns and 73 Types; California  
620 Towns and 1057 Types; Idaho  
90 Towns and 125 Types, and Utah,  
58 Towns and 77 Types.

The Buckeye bulletin for the  
COPC was mailed from North  
Bend, Ohio with a pair of the 1c Li-  
berty Bureau coil. Can furnish a  
sample copy of the Buckeye, or ad-  
dresses of the other bulletins, for  
return postage.

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**ADEN.** The Crown Agents an-  
nounce that the 20 shilling stamp,  
in new color, was issued January 7.

**ARGENTINA.** The Benjamin  
Franklin stamp, a 40c value, was  
issued on December 22.

**BASUTOLAND.** The 1d and 2d  
postage due stamps were issued on  
December 1.

**BELGIUM.** To help in the Tubercu-  
losis Assn. work, three stamps  
were issued on December 17. The  
values are: 2fr plus 50c (Early Pre-  
vention); 4fr plus 2fr (Chest X-  
Ray); and 8fr plus 4fr (Rehabilita-  
tion).

A seven-value set of stamps  
bearing the Cross of Lorraine and  
a ship will be issued at the same  
time. The values are: 20c plus 5c  
brown; 80c plus 20c green; 1.20fr  
plus 30c violet; 1.50fr plus 50c gray-  
blue; 2fr plus 50c olive; 4fr plus  
2fr brown-violet; and 8fr plus 4fr  
red.

**CAMBODIA.** A serpent with  
seven heads will be the design of  
a new postage due set to be issued  
shortly. There will be five stamps  
in the set and it will comprise the  
following values; 10or., 50or., 1R.,  
3R., and 5R.

Three stamps honoring the United  
Nations were issued on December  
14. The 2R is green, blue and red;  
the 4.50R in Chinese blue; and the  
8.50R is cardinal red.

**ETHIOPIA.** During February  
1957, five stamps will be issued to  
commemorate the 70th anniversary  
of Addis Abeba. With each stamp  
having one letter in red, the set  
spells out the name of the capital.  
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of the city.

The values are: 5c dark blue on  
salmon, 10c dull green on buff, 15c  
slate purple on light buff, 25c red-  
purple on lavender, and 30c orange-  
brown on light turquoise.

**FR. MOROCCO.** To publicize the  
campaign against illiteracy, five  
stamps were issued on November  
3. The values, designs, and colors  
are: 10fr violet and lilac (soldiers  
reading); 15fr brownish-red and  
brown (Moorish girls reading); 20fr  
greenish-black and red (School-  
master and pupils); 30fr lilac and  
red (old man and child); and 50fr  
blue-black (young girl showing  
tribesmen the alphabet).

**GERMANY (East).** For "Human  
Rights Day", three stamps were  
issued on December 10. The values  
are: 5pfg. dark olive on olive pa-  
per (girl with flowers); 10 pfg. deep  
red-brown on flesh paper (mother  
and child); and 25 pfg. dark blue  
on blue paper (man and dove).

**JAPAN.** To commemorate the  
Japan Machinery Floating Fair at  
the main ports in Southeast Asia,  
a 10 yen stamp was issued on De-  
cember 18. The stamp shows a cog  
wheel, a vacuum tube, and a boat.  
The "floating whale", a local toy  
of Nagasaki is the design used on  
a 5 yen stamp issued on December  
20, for the "New Year".

**SAN MARINO.** "Posta Aerea"  
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From this same British Colony on January 11 came the commemorative for the 200th anniversary of the birth of Alexander Hamilton in Nevis. In ultramarine and blue green, it has a denomination of 24c. Printing is from engraved plates.



Malta on January 7 released the 1c denomination of the new regular series in the process of appearing several values at a time. In a yellow brown, it has the statue of the Baptism of Christ, and a portrait of Queen Elizabeth.

The first of the series — 1/4d, 1/2d, 1 1/4d, 1 1/2d, 8d, 1/-, 1/6 and 2/- — came January 23, 1956.

## Durland Catalog For Plate Block Fans

A handbook which U.S. Plate Block Collectors use to a great extent in their collecting is the **Durland Standard Plate Number Catalog** which is now available in the 1957 edition. It is compiled and published, and also available from him at \$2 per copy by C.B. Durland, proprietor of the Sterling Stamp Co., Abington, Mass.

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The plates for each stamp are listed and given a valuation. Where in the editor's opinion one or more positions of a plate are more valuable than the others, such a differentiation is noted. The Catalog is especially valuable as a check list since all plates even those of the coils and booklets are recorded and priced.

Of great value to the beginner is the fact that many plate blocks are pictured. This feature makes it possible for one to get an idea of what comprises a collectable plate block of the flat, rotary, experimental, booklet and coil (strip) sheets. Pricing seems to be reasonable in view of the current market.

The 72 enamelled paper pages are card bound. Purchase of the catalog can be made at the address above.

### THREE GERMANIES (Continued from page 16)

tives) from the original, in different colors, and furnished with a bold overprint, they might still have been taken as similar to a stamp.

So off they came, much to the disgust of Marburg Philatelists and the numerous visitors to the show and to the German Philatelists' Day, which was the occasion for it all.

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Sure sign of the paucity of present invention is the revival of a design which the late Prof. Dachauer (died 1951) furnished for a longpast Austrian "Day of the Stamp", but which was then rejected, and has now been extracted from the limbo of essays. Indeed the design is a very typical one in Dachauer's style, showing a

sculptured panel with a bunch of flowers arranged not dissimilarly to a door knocker, whilst superimposed on it is a small letter, bearing a copy of the stamp itself, neatly cancelled with the Vienna 1 postmark for December 1, 1956, the day of issue.

The stamp on the stamp itself bears another stamp, but here the reduction got too minute even for the masterly engraving of G. Wimmer, and he did not attempt to go into a fourth dimension! Still, it is a nice enough design, and I wonder whether some clever Austrian will not produce an exact copy of the "letter" as sketched by Dachauer with its inscription "Tag der Briefmarke 1956" and Austrian Eagle badge, and have it cancelled at the Vienna P.O. as indicated. That surely would be the maximum card to beat all maximum cards?

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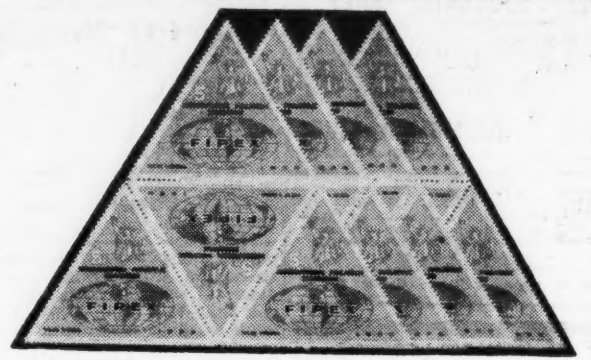
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The author has separated the PAID types into twelve different categories depending on their appearance. Each is illustrated, fully described, with the known towns of use listed.

An introductory chapter instructs the reader in an approach to the collecting of postmarks and printing terms and practices. With each book comes four sheets on which all the cancels are printed. These can be cut from the sheet and placed in the album with a cover or stamp as an illustration of the type which the item bears.

The following is quoted from the

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A new booklet entitled, "The Paid Markings on the 3c U. S. Stamp of 1861" by George W. Linn, has just been received and it is a most welcome addition to my reference library. The author is the well-known editor of "Linn's Weekly Stamp News" and is one of our foremost elder collectors and philatelic students. I joined the A. P. S. in 1907 and my number is 2497. I note George was admitted just a short time previous as his A. P. S. number is 2452. George Linn knows American Philately from A to Z as well as the stamps of the world. He was in the printing business all his life, hence he not only knows how to write a book of this kind but how to have it illustrated, printed and bound. For some years he searched for every example he could locate of a 3c 1861 with a "PAID" cancellation. This is a most interesting study and I can recommend it in the highest terms. I do not know the price but write to George W. Linn, Howey in the Hills, Florida." Signed: Stanley B. Ashbrook.

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Much-sought-after items down here—1d red George V Commonwealth pairs, one in Die I and the other in Die II. The smooth paper variety fetches \$2.25 such a pair.

Two forms of interleaving are commonly encountered in Australia—glassine and ploidium. The former sells for \$1.20 per 100 sheets and the latter at \$4 per 100.

The George V Penny Red Australian Commonwealth stamp comes in an infinite number of varieties—dies, papers, perforations, retouches, shades, watermarks etc. A big Master Set, formed some years back by the late Orlo Smith and C. Blogg, formed the basis for present listings and many dealers have built up replicas in part at least for their own use. The stamp comes on smooth paper, on semi-surfaced rough paper, on unsurfaced rough paper, on thin paper and on thick; it runs a wide gamut of shades (aniline, pink, salmon, brick, maroon, red brown, blood red, rose lilac, crimson, rose and what have you); there are ten major flaws and ten constant minor ones as well as three dies and inverted watermarks etc. In fact, it's got just about everything.

Many dealers mount up collections containing up to 150 district varieties and parcels of used copies have long since been checked and rechecked a dozen times each by hopeful hunters. It doesn't cost a whole lot and can one have fun!!!

There are a good many 100 variety USA commems packets to be seen in Australian shop windows. While varying rather widely as to content with Uncle Sam issuing new ones every few weeks, the price tends to be a uniform \$1.25. They all come in via the barter route, chiefly from two large suppliers back home who take Australian commems in exchange.

Scott does not list the Australian States issues or the Commonwealth ones perforated for official use but they are catalogued by most everyone else and are avidly sought down here. You can buy packets up to 150 each for as little as \$1.25 though a good many of the early and little-used denomination ones will bring fancy prices.

Joseph Goldberger of Windsor, L. Victoria, the Australian wholesaler and retailer, is a heavy importer of Gibbons and Zumstein catalogs as well as being Australian agent for The Holy Land Philatelist. Come new issue day, I have several times encountered friendly Mrs. Goldberger at the Melbourne Philatelic Agency going over stacks of sheets to find ones decently centered enough to satisfy their USA clients. Actually, less than 10% of any issue come decently perforated—Australian stamps are as bad as Spanish ones that way and much like USA ones were in pre-electric eye days—and it becomes a pretty painful task filling a big order.

Of course, few collectors are as condition conscious as Americans are and, down here, anything goes just so long as it does not actually cut into the design. You can literally look over 1000 used copies of any Australian stamp to find five mathematically-centered ones, a point collectors should consider in rejecting otherwise fine specimens because of their being somewhat "off".

An astounding lot of 400,000 used recent Ceylon stamps has showed up in Western Australia, of all places under the sun. A virtually unknown book and antique dealer is offering them and their appearance on the market has caused all kinds of speculation as to where they came from, etc. Needless to say, such a parcel of bicolored pictorials is mighty choice property and several firms were angling for it.

P.S. Flash news!! We have just learned that our good friend, William Hornadage of Dubbo, so well-known to many readers of Linn's,

purchased the lot for spot cash. That will give the lads something further to chin about!!!!

The veteran Australian firm J. H. Smyth Pty., Ltd., incorporated in 1909 and now owned by B. Moloney, has just issued an extensive pricelist of Commonwealth issues, mint and used. It includes many desirable items such as the coils (virtually unknown in the USA), special paper varieties and imprint blocks.

Australian Stamp Auctions of Melbourne is now running two sales a month—one of odd lots and the other of high class goods. The Melbourne market is a good one and report has it that another auction service is to begin operations there shortly.

Seen in three different Australian stamp shops recently—the H. E. Harris sets wholesale list being used in pricing up new stock removed from collections just purchased. That speaks worlds for this enterprising USA firm's pricing policies. It, of course, has connections the globe around and practically every foreign stamp journal carries its big half-page "We want to buy!!" ads. They have employed a translation service to get this standard advertisement into 50 or 60 languages. Those I can read are in faultless form so I presume the others are as well.

An insurance firm in Birmingham, England, announces a philatelic traders' stock policy which should find a ready welcome because stamp holdings, from their very nature, have been hard to cover in the past, and this has been especially true of dealers' wares, changing in scope from week to week.

The Crown Agents in London rather foolishly list new printings of Elizabethan stamps as "reprint sets". The term "reprint" has come to have a rather sinister meaning in philatelic circles, normally meaning printings made long after stamps have gone out of use, often after stones or plates have fallen into private hands.

Of course, these new printings of Elizabethans are technically reprints, just as we have constant technically-titled reprints here in the USA, but we call them new printings (in some cases made daily and in others every few days or weeks, giving rise to many shades) and the Crown Agents, dealing with hobby folk, would be well-advised to do the same.

Incidentally, because such "reprints" often results in new perforation varieties and drastically different new shades, some London wholesalers such as John Lister, Ltd. operate a "Reprint Service" for dealers and some retail new issue services are beginning to do so too. In that way, subscribers won't miss the choice stuff and they can always sell anything actually duplicating earlier printings.

USA wholesalers are currently offering 10c cash each for the 80c Hawaii airmail, in circulars being sent Australian banks, film houses and import firms.

The new British plan to issue special stamps for Scotland, Wales, etc. is meeting with hearty disfavor down here in Australia. They are being hailed as further evidence of the breakup of the British Commonwealth. "What," one is asked, "if the USA were to have separate state issues, or France department ones?" It really seems very silly and the consensus is that the British Postmaster General pulled a real boner in the matter.

H. Spisbach of Tel Aviv, the Israel wholesaler, was in Europe trying to replenish his stock of Israel material, of all things!!! Supplies in the country itself are at an all-time low and, to meet current market demand, he make the rounds, in many cases repurchasing from clients lots sold them some while back. The stamp business has many such funny quirks.

Zumstein and Co. of Switzerland have started something decidedly "different"—a used copies new issue service. It's handled just like the old-line unused new issues

stamp services in that you indicate what countries you are interested in and whether you want full sets or only through the 5 shillings or 50c denomination, etc. You also specify whether you want cancelled-to-order copies (many countries offer that service to interested parties—here in Australia, for example, any postmaster will neatly cancel any stamp you purchase from him, upon request) or genuinely used ones. In the latter cases, of course, it takes a while to accumulate stock and I imagine that distributions are normally made nine months or so after the stamps came out. It must be a headache accumulating such material on a worldwide basis and it's good to know that someone is willing to undertake it.

The "scarcest" stamp among those currently on sale in Australian post offices is the 7½d blue George VI. Its only use as a single stamp is to carry a single-weight letter overseas to some country not within the British circle, such as the USA. The result is that copies, generally speaking, have to be repatriated, and that is both slow and expensive. Consequently, alert dealers request their printers to use multiples of this denomination in sending shipments of pricelists, news organs, philatelic forms, letterheads and envelopes, and considerate jobbers send out shipments of albums franked the same way.

Actually, the stamp fetches three-quarters face from everybody in the trade because it's the one always missing when sets are made up. Good salvage value that! (A wholesale list in since I typed the above tags them at 5 shillings 6 pence per dozen (the face value unused is 7 shilling 6 pence) and, significantly, this is the only item among several hundred not to be offered by the hundred as well. So there's a stamp with a future!!!

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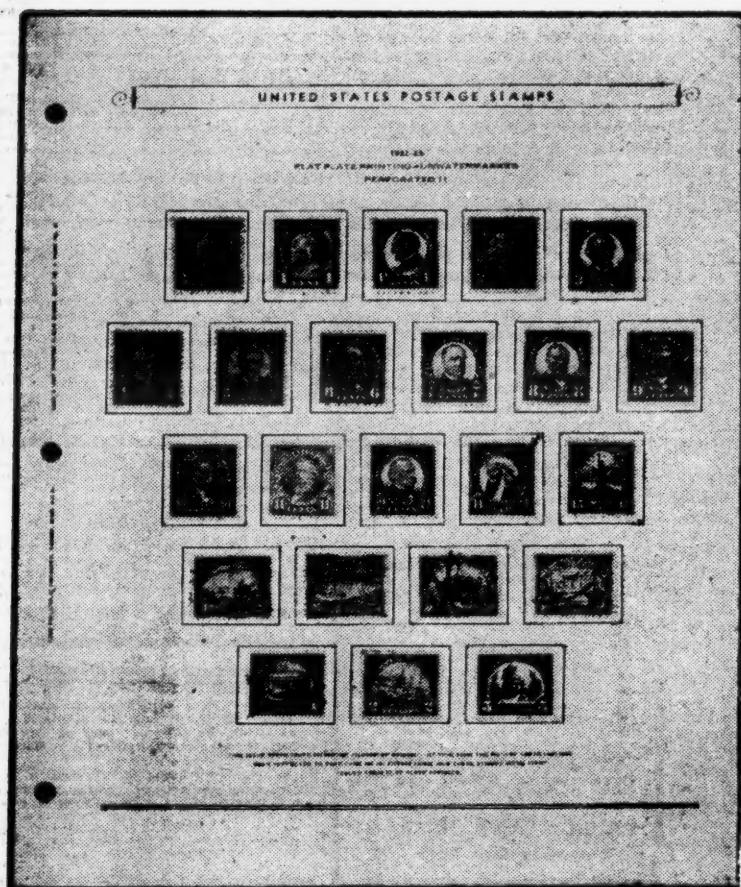
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# The Difficult Path For Philatelic Literature

Eugene V. Connett

In the special issue of Linn's Weekly Stamp News on Philatelic Literature, there are several articles dealing with the indexing of many papers. It is safe to say that the great body of published philatelic knowledge has appeared in such periodicals, rather than in book form. There have, of course, been some important books on various subjects through the years, but there can be no doubt but that their content that which has been published in periodicals.

In the course of some recent research, I have been appalled at the amount of effort and time required to uncover published material in even such an outstanding library as that of the Collectors Club. This aspect of the subject was greatly magnified by comparison with research I had done in other fields where the sum of knowledge was published in book form.

Naturally I cannot escape the conclusion that philately suffers much unnecessary agony because of the fact that its "literature" is preponderantly to be found scattered through periodicals rather than in books. Let me hasten to state that this is in no sense a criticism of philatelic periodicals, which have and do serve their readers very well. It is perhaps rather a criticism of philatelists in general for their notable lack of support for philatelic books.

An edition of 1000 copies of a philatelic book seems to be normal. Many of these 1000-copy editions of the most important books in the field have languished on the publishers' shelves for years before they finally were absorbed by philatelists. As soon as the books went out of print the prices doubled, tripled and quadrupled. These books quickly became "collector's items" instead of normal, available, useful tools for philatelists.

Why in the name of common sense are philatelists so short sighted as to fail to purchase good books when they appear? They apparently prefer to do the thing the hard way: ignore the new book, force the publisher to make limited editions at necessarily high prices, and then seek high and low for the book at an infinitely higher price after it finally goes out of print.

As a result of this seemingly ridiculous state of affairs, the philatelist makes his road more difficult by having to wade through hundreds of issues of periodicals — when they are available to him — in order to collect the information on his particular subject. Does he realize that if he gave his support to the books that are and could be published, many, many more books, and many, many more subjects would be covered in them? And by his support, the publishers of these books could issue them in larger editions and consequently at lower prices.

Please don't brush off what I am saying just because I happen to be an editor of philatelic books. The reason I am in a position to write these words with authority is the very fact that I do happen to be such an editor. Beyond that, I also happen to have indulged in other hobbies which are blessed with very voluminous libraries of good books at reasonable prices, so that the knowledge of these hobbies can be readily, economically and efficiently found.

I might add that there are numerous periodicals published in these same fields, which serve a definite and valuable purpose. But I have never found it necessary to search through them, or clip from their columns to get reliable information. I simply turn to my book shelves, or visit a good public or specialized library, confident that I will obtain most of what I seek between the covers of a single volume, or at most several volumes.

Now it is obvious that good books on every conceivable subject are not going to be published, and that it will still be necessary to search through the files of periodicals for bits and pieces of special knowledge. So the periodical still has its valuable place in our scheme of things. However, if writers and publishers are given the encouragement and support they surely deserve, it is equally obvious that many more good books on many more subjects will become available.

Why is a stamp collector so loathe to buy new books on his hobby? First of all, it is a common saying that he wants to spend his money on stamps. That is understandable. Nevertheless, he will suddenly decide he needs Ashbrook, or Luff or Boggs' Canada and will be delighted when he finally finds a copy for which he pays several times the published price! How do I know? Because I've done it.

Secondly, when a new book comes out on a branch of collecting in which he is not enthusiastically engaged at the moment, he

passes it by. This is understandable. But it is safe to say that his enthusiasm will shift before a great while, and he will then wish he had bought the book. If he had bought the book and read it, his shift of enthusiasm might have taken place as he read its last page.

Thirdly, I have noticed that in a small group of philatelists, each one seems to be completely immersed in his particular branch of collecting, and finds little of interest in what his companions may be expounding. Let me assure you that anyone's pleasure in a hobby is ever so much increased if he has a wider knowledge of it. The easiest, and pleasantest, way to absorb knowledge is through reading good books — whatever the subject may be.

I make so bold as to say that if you are a specialist and read books on other branches of philately,

your knowledge of your special subject is bound to be widened, and your outlook on your subject enhanced.

Lastly, if about 10,000 philatelists would buy every good philatelic book published in the next five years, the hobby would be enriched, its devotees would grow in stature, and their enjoyment would overflow its present boundaries. They would find the cost of good philatelic books becoming more reasonable, and these books would not become "collector's items" as there would be far more copies available.



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